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(57) Abstract

Chimeric and humanized LL2 monoclonal antibody, isolated DNAs encoding these antibodies, vectors containing the DNA and conjugates of chimeric and humanized chimeric LL2 antibodies with cytotoxic agents or labels for use in therapy and diagnosis of B-cell lymphomas and leukemias.

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IMMUNOCONJUGATES AND HUMANIZED ANTIBODIES  
SPECIFIC FOR B-CELL LYMPHOMA AND LEUKEMIA CELLS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates generally to immunoconjugates  
5 for diagnostic and therapeutic uses in cancer. In particular, the invention relates to recombinantly produced chimeric and humanized monoclonal antibodies directed against B-cell lymphoma and leukemia cells, which antibodies can be covalently conjugated to a  
10 diagnostic or therapeutic reagent without loss of antibody binding and internalization function and with reduced production of human anti-mouse antibodies.

Non-Hodgkins lymphoma (NHL) and chronic lymphocytic leukemia are B-cell malignancies that remain important  
15 contributors to cancer mortality. The response of these malignancies to various forms of treatment is mixed. They respond reasonably well to chemotherapy, and, in cases where adequate clinical staging of NHL is possible, as for patients with localized disease, satisfactory  
20 treatment may be provided using field radiation therapy (Hall et al., *Radiology for the Radiologist*, Lippincott, Philadelphia, 1989, pp 365-376). However, the toxic side effects associated with chemotherapy and the toxicity to the hematopoietic system from local, as well as whole  
25 body, radiotherapy, limits the use of these therapeutic methods. About one-half of the patients die from the disease (Posner et al., *Blood*, 61: 705 (1983)).

The use of targeting monoclonal antibodies conjugated to radionuclides or other cytotoxic agents offers the  
30 possibility of delivering such agents directly to the tumor site, thereby limiting the exposure of normal tissues to toxic agents (Goldenberg, *Semin. Nucl. Med.*, 19: 332 (1989)). In recent years, the potential of antibody-based therapy and its accuracy in the  
35 localization of tumor-associated antigens have been demonstrated both in the laboratory and clinical studies (see., e.g., Thorpe, *TIBTECH*, 11: 42 (1993); Goldenberg, *Scientific American*, *Science & Medicine*, 1: 64 (1994);

Baldwin et al., U.S. 4,925,922 and 4,916,213; Young, U.S. 4918163; U.S. 5,204,095; Irie et al., U.S. 5,196,337; Hellstrom et al., U.S. 5,134,075 and 5,171,665). In general, the use of radio-labeled antibodies or antibody 5 fragments against tumor-associated markers for localization of tumors has been more successful than for therapy, in part because antibody uptake by the tumor is generally low, ranging from only 0.01% to 0.001% of the total dose injected (Vaughan et al., *Brit. J. Radiol.*, 10 60: 567 (1987)). Increasing the concentration of the radiolabel to increase the dosage to the tumor is counterproductive generally as this also increases exposure of healthy tissue to radioactivity.

LL-2 (EPB2) is a highly specific anti-B-cell lymphoma 15 and anti-lymphocytic leukemia cell murine monoclonal antibody (mAb) that is rapidly internalized by such cells and that can overcome some of the aforementioned difficulties (Shih et al., *Int. J. Cancer*, 56: 538 (1994)). LL2, which is of the IgG2a antibody type, was 20 developed using the Raji B-lymphoma cell line as the source of antigen (Pawlak-Byczkowska et al., *Cancer Res.*, 49: 4568 (1989)). Murine LL2 (mLL2) is known to react 25 with an epitope of CD22 (Belisle et al., *Proc Amer. Assn. Clin. Res.*, 34: A2873 (1993)). CD22 molecules are expressed in the cytoplasm of progenitor and early pre-B cells, and appear in the cell surface of mature B-cells.

By immunostaining of tissue sections, mLL2 was shown 30 to react with 50 of 51 B-cell lymphomas tested. mLL2 is a highly sensitive means of detecting B-cell lymphoma cell *in vivo*, as determined by a radioimmunodetection method (Murthy et al., *Eur. J. Nucl. Med.*, 19: 394 (1992)). The Fab' fragment of mLL2 labeled with <sup>99m</sup>Tc localized to 63 of 65 known lesions in Phase II trial 35 patients with B-cell lymphoma (Mills et al., *Proc. Amer. Assn. Cancer Res.*, 14: A2857 (1993)). In addition, <sup>131</sup>I-labeled mLL2 was therapeutically effective in B-cell lymphoma patients (Goldenberg et al., *J. Clin. Oncol.*, 9: 548 (1991)). mLL2 Fab' conjugated to the exotoxin

PE38KDEL induced complete remissions of measurable human lymphoma xenografts (CA-46) growing in nude mice (Kreitman et al., *Cancer Res.*, 53: 819 (1993)).

The clinical use of mLL2, just as with most other promising murine antibodies, has been limited by the development in humans of a HAMA response. While a HAMA response is not invariably observed following injection of mLL2, in a significant number of cases patients developed HAMA following a single treatment with mLL2.

5 This can limit the diagnostic and therapeutic usefulness of such antibody conjugates, not only because of the potential anaphylactic problem, but also as a major portion of the circulating conjugate may be complexed to and sequestered by the circulating anti-mouse antibodies.

10 This is exemplified by one study in which about 30% of the patients developed low level HAMA response following a single injection of about 6 mg of mLL2 <sup>131</sup>I-IgG and nearly all developed a strong HAMA response with additional injections. On the other hand, with mLL2 Fab' labeled with <sup>99m</sup>Tc, no HAMA response was observed. Such HAMA responses in general pose a potential obstacle to

15 realizing the full diagnostic and therapeutic potential of the mLL2 antibody.

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Although, as noted above, the use of fragments of mLL2, such as F(ab'), and Fab', partially alleviate/circumvent these problems of immunogenicity, there are circumstances in which whole IgG is more desirable, such as when induction of cellular immunity is intended for therapy, or where an antibody with enhanced survival time is required.

In order to maximize the value of the mLL2 IgG antibody as a therapeutic or diagnostic modality and increase its utility in multiple and continuous administration modalities, it is an object of this invention to produce a mouse/human chimeric mAb (cLL2) and a humanized mAb (hLL2) related to mLL2 that retain the antigen-binding specificity of mLL2, but that elicit reduced HAMA in a subject receiving same.

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It is another object of this invention to provide DNA sequences encoding the amino acid sequences of the variable regions of the light and heavy chains of the cLL2 and hLL2 mAbs, including the complementarity determining regions (CDR).  
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It is also an object of this invention provide conjugates of the hLL2 and cLL2 mAbs containing therapeutic or diagnostic modalities.

10 It is a further object of this invention to provide methods of therapy and diagnosis that utilize the humanized and chimeric mAbs of the invention.

These objects have been achieved by the invention described below in the specification and appended claims.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

15 In one aspect of the invention, there is provided a cLL2 mAb related to mLL2 mAb, in which the murine light (VK) and heavy (VH) chain variable regions are joined to the human constant light (kappa) and heavy (IgG<sub>1</sub>) chains. This chimeric mAb retains the B-lymphoma and leukemia cell targeting and internalization properties of the 20 parental mLL2.

25 In another aspect of the invention, there is provided a hLL2 mAb related to mLL2 mAb, in which the complementarity-determining regions (CDRs) of the light and heavy chains of the mLL2 mAb are joined to the framework (FR) sequence of human VK and VH regions, respectively, and subsequently to the human kappa and IgG<sub>1</sub> constant region domains, respectively. This humanized antibody retains the B-lymphoma and leukemia cell targeting and internalization characteristics of the 30 parental mLL2 mAb, and can exhibit a lowered HAMA reaction.

35 In still another aspect, there is provided isolated polynucleotides comprising DNA sequences encoding the amino acid sequences of the variable light and heavy chains, respectively, of the hLL2 and cLL2 mAbs.

In an additional aspect, there is provided the amino acid sequences of the CDRs of the VK and VH chains.

In yet another aspect, there are provided conjugates in which the hLL2 or cLL2 mAb is covalently bonded to a diagnostic or therapeutic reagent.

5 In still another aspect, there are provided methods whereby the aforementioned mAb conjugates can be used to diagnose or treat B-cell lymphomas and lymphocytic leukemias.

10 These and other aspects and embodiments of the invention will become apparent by reference to the following specification and appended claims.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 is a comparison of the murine with the humanized LL2 VK (Figure 1A SEQ ID NOS. 2 and 6) and VH (Figure 1B SEQ ID NOS. 4, 9 and 8) domains. Only hFR sequences (designated as REIHuVK and EUHuVH) different than mFR sequences (designated as murine) are shown, and designated by asterisks. More residues in these positions were retained in the humanized structure. CDRs are boxed. FR residues showing CDR contacts by computer modeling are underlined.

20 Figure 2 shows vicinal relationships of the LL2 CDRs to their framework regions (FRs). Separate energy-minimized models for the VL and VH domains of mLL2 were constructed, and all FR residues within a radius of 4.5 Å or any CDR atom were identified as potential CDR-FR contacts. CDRs of the light (L1, L2, and L3, Figure 2A) and heavy (H1, H2, and H3, Figure 2B) chains are shown as "ball and stick" representations superimposed on their respective, space-filling FRs.

30 Figure 3 shows the light chain (Figure 3A) staging (VKpBR) and mammalian expression (pKH) vectors, and the heavy chain (Figure 3B) staging (VHpBS) and mammalian expression (pGlg) vectors.

35 Figure 4 shows the double-stranded DNA and amino acid sequences of the LL2 VK domain (Figure 4A SEQ ID NOS. 1 and 2) and the LL2 VH domain (Figure 4B SEQ ID NOS. 3 and 4). Amino acid sequences encoded by the corresponding DNA sequences are given as one letter codes. CDR amino acid

sequences are boxed. The Asn-glycosylation site located in FR1 of LL2VK (Figure 4A SEQ ID NO. 2) is shown as the underlined NVT sequence.

5 Figure 5A shows the double stranded DNA and corresponding amino acid residues of the hLL2 VK domain (SEQ ID NOS. 5 and 6). CDR amino acid sequences are boxed. The corresponding data for the VH domain is shown in Figure 5B (SEQ ID NOS. 7 and 8).

10 Figure 6 is a schematic diagram representation of the PCR/gene synthesis of the humanized VH region and the subcloning into the staging vector, VH<sub>p</sub>BS.

15 Figure 7 shows SDS-PAGE analysis of mLL2 and cLL2 antibodies under non-reducing (lanes 6-8) and reducing (lanes 3-5, light and heavy chains) conditions. Lanes 3 and 6 include a control antibody.

Figure 8 shows SDS-PAGE analysis of different versions of cLL2 and hLL2 antibodies under reducing (lanes 3-5) and non-reducing (lanes 6-8) conditions.

20 Figure 9 shows SDS-PAGE analysis on mix-and-match cLL2 and hLL2 antibodies under reducing (lanes 3-6) and non-reducing (lanes 7-10) conditions. cLL2 serves as the control.

25 Figure 10 shows the results of a comparative Raji cell competitive antibody binding assay involving mLL2 and cLL2 antibodies competing for binding to cells against tracer radiolabeled mLL2.

30 Figure 11 shows the results of a comparative Raji cell competitive antibody binding assay in which mixed humanized/chimeric LL2s were compared to cLL2 (Figure 11A), and two versions of hLL2 compared to cLL2 (Figure 11B).

35 Figure 12 shows a comparison of antibody internalization:surface binding ratios as a function of time for cLL2, cLL2 (Q to V mutagenesis), hLL2 and mLL2 antibodies.

Figure 13 shows an SDS-PAGE analysis of mLL2 and cLL2 after deglycosylation by endoglycosidase F.

Figure 14 shows the effect of deglycosylation of mLL2 on its binding affinity to Raji cells.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

5 cDNAs encoding the VL and VH regions of the mLL2 mAb have been isolated and separately recombinantly subcloned into mammalian expression vectors containing the genes encoding kappa and IgG, constant regions, respectively, of human antibodies. Cotransfection of mammalian cells with these two recombinant DNAs expressed a cLL2 mAb that, like the parent mLL2 mAb, bound avidly to, and was 10 rapidly internalized by, B-lymphoma cells.

15 The CDRs of the VK and VH DNAs have been similarly recombinantly linked to the framework (FR) sequences of the human VK and VH regions, respectively, which are subsequently linked, respectively, to the human kappa and IgG, constant regions, so as to express in mammalian cells as described above hLL2.

20 In this specification, the expressions "cLL2" or "cLL2 mAb" are intended to refer to the chimeric monoclonal antibody constructed by joining or subcloning the murine VK and VH regions to the human constant light and heavy chains, respectively. The expressions "hLL2" or "hLL2 mAb" are intended to refer to the humanization of the chimeric monoclonal antibody by replacing the murine 25 FR sequences in cLL2 with that of human framework regions.

30 Covalent conjugates between cLL2 and hLL2 mAbs and a diagnostic or chemotherapeutic reagent, formulated in pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles (see, e.g., Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th ed., Mack Publishing Co., Easton, PA, 1990) can be prepared that have the advantages, compared to prior art antibody conjugates, of B-cell lymphoma-specific and leukemia cell-specific targeting, rapid internalization into 35 target cells, rapid liberation of the diagnostic or chemotherapeutic reagent intracellularly (thereby increasing effectiveness of the reagent), and a potential reduction of the HAMA response in the human patient.

As the VK-appended carbohydrate moiety of the cLL2. mAb is shown herein not to be involved in binding to B-lymphoma cells, it is preferred to use conjugates in which the reagent is bound to the antibody through such carbohydrate moieties, such as through oxidized carbohydrate derivatives. Methods for the production of such conjugates and their use in diagnostics and therapeutics are provided, for example, in Shih et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,057,313, Shih et al., *Int. J. Cancer* 41: 832 (1988), and copending, commonly owned Hansen et al., USSN 08/162,912, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. Direct linkage of the reagent to oxidized carbohydrate without the use of a polymeric carrier is described in McKearn et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,156,840, which is also incorporated by reference.

A wide variety of diagnostic and therapeutic reagents can be advantageously conjugated to the antibodies of the invention. These include: chemotherapeutic drugs such as doxorubicin, methotrexate, taxol, and the like; chelators, such as DTPA, to which detectable labels such as fluorescent molecules or cytotoxic agents such as heavy metals or radionuclides can be complexed; and toxins such as *Pseudomonas* exotoxin, and the like. Several embodiments of these conjugates are described in the examples below.

Cell lines and culture media used in the present invention include LL2 (EPB-2) hybridoma cells (Pawlak-Byczkowska et al. 1989 above), Sp2/0-Ag14 myeloma cells (ATCC, Rockville, MD) and Raji cells. These cells are preferably cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% FCS (Gibco/BRL, Gaithersburg, MA), 2mM L-glutamine and 75 µg/ml gentamicin, (complete DMEM). Transfectomas are grown in Hybridoma Serum Free Medium, HSFM, (Gibco/BRL, Gaithersburg, MA) containing 10% of FCS and 75 µg/ml gentamicin (complete HSFM) or, where indicated, in HSFM containing only antibiotics. Selection of the

transfectomas may be carried out in complete HSFM containing 500  $\mu$ g/ml of hygromycin (Calbiochem, San Diego, CA). All cell lines are preferably maintained at 37°C in 5 %CO<sub>2</sub>.

5 An important aspect of this invention is that antibody variable domains can be modeled by computer modeling (see, for example, Dion, in Goldenberg et al. eds., *Cancer Therapy With Radiolabeled Antibodies*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 1994), which is incorporated by reference. In general, the 3-D structure for both the mLL22 and hLL2 mAbs are best modeled by homology. The high frequency of residue identities (75.0 to 92.3%) between the deduced primary sequences of mLL2 light chain FR regions and human REI (VK) facilitates this approach

10 because of the availability of crystallographic data from the Protein Data Bank (PDR Code 1REI, Bernstein et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 112: 535 (1977)), which is incorporated by reference. Similarly, antibody EU (VH) sequences can be selected as the computer counterparts for FR1 to FR3 of the mLL2 heavy chain; FR4 was based on NEWM. As X-ray coordinate data is currently lacking for the EU sequence, NEWM structural data (PDR Code 3FAB) for FRs 1 to 4 can be used, and amino acid side groups can be replaced to correspond to mLL2 or EU (hLL2) as needed. The CDR of the

15 light chain can be modeled from the corresponding sequence of 1MCP (L1 and L2) and 1REI (L3). For heavy chain CDRs, H1 and H2 can be based on 2HFL and 1MCP, respectively, while H3 can be modeled *de novo*. Wherever possible, side group replacements should be performed so

20 as to maintain the torsion angle between C $\alpha$  and C $\beta$ . Energy minimization may be accomplished by the AMBER forcefield (Weiner et al, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.* 106: 765 (1984) using the convergent method. Potentially critical FR-CDR interactions can be determined by initially

25 modeling the light and heavy variable chains of mLL2. All FR residues within a 4.5 Å radius of all atoms within each CDR can thereby be identified and retained in the final design model of hLL2.

Once the sequences for the hLL2 VK and VH domains are designed, CDR engrafting can be accomplished by gene synthesis using long synthetic DNA oligonucleotides as templates and short oligonucleotides as primers in a PCR reaction. In most cases, the DNA encoding the VK or VH domain will be approximately 350 bp long. By taking advantage of codon degeneracy, a unique restriction site may easily be introduced, without changing the encoded amino acids, at regions close to the middle of the V gene DNA sequence. For example, at DNA nucleotide positions 157-162 (amino acid positions 53 and 54) for the hLL2 VH domain, a unique AvrII site can be introduced while maintaining the originally designed amino acid sequence (Fig. 4B). Two long non-overlapping single-stranded DNA oligonucleotides (~150 bp) upstream and downstream of the AvrII site (see, for example, oligo A and oligo B, Example 3 below) can be generated by automated DNA oligonucleotide synthesizer (Cyclone Plus DNA Synthesizer, Milligen-Bioscience). As the yields of full length DNA oligonucleotides such as oligos A and B may be expected to be low, they can be amplified by two pairs of flanking oligonucleotides (oligo Seq. ID Nos. 10 and 11 for oligo A; oligo Seq. ID Nos. 12 and 13 for oligo B, Example 3) in a PCR reaction. The primers can be designed with the necessary restriction sites to facilitate subsequent subcloning. Primers for oligo A and for oligo B should contain overlapping sequence at the AvrII site so that the resultant PCR product for oligo A and B, respectively, can be joined in-frame at the AvrII site to form a full length DNA sequence (ca 350 bp) encoding the hLL2 VH domain. The ligation of the PCR products for oligo A (restriction-digested with *Pst*I and AvrII) and B (restriction-digested with AvrII and *Bst*EII) at the AvrII site and their subcloning into the *Pst*II/*Bst*EII sites of the staging vector, VH<sub>P</sub>BS, can be completed in a single three-fragment-ligation step (See, for example, Example 3). The subcloning of the correct sequence into VH<sub>P</sub>BS can be first analyzed by restriction

digestion analysis and subsequently confirmed by sequencing reaction according to Sanger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 74: 5463 (1977).

5 The *HindIII/BamHI* fragment containing the Ig promoter, leader sequence and the hLL2 VH sequence can be excised from the staging vector and subcloned to the corresponding sites in a pSVgpt-based vector, pG1g, which contains the genomic sequence of the human IgG constant region, an Ig enhancer and a gpt selection marker, 10 forming the final expression vector, hLL2pG1g. Similar strategies can be employed for the construction of the hLL2 VK sequence. The restriction site chosen for the ligation of the PCR products for the long oligonucleotides (oligos C and D, see examples below) can 15 be *NruI* in this case.

20 The DNA sequence containing the Ig promoter, leader sequence and the hLL2 VK sequence can be excised from the staging vector VKpBR by treatment with *BamHI/HindIII*, and can be subcloned into the corresponding sites of a pSVhyg-based vector, pKh, which contains the genomic sequence of human kappa chain constant regions, a 25 hygromycin selection marker, an Ig and a kappa enhancer, forming the final expression vector, hLL2pKh.

30 As humanization sometimes results in a reduction or even loss of antibody affinity, additional modification might be required in order to restore the original affinity (See, for example, Tempest et al., *Bio/Technology* 9: 266 (1991); Verhoeven et al., *Science* 239: 1534 (1988)), which are incorporated by reference. 35 Knowing that cLL2 exhibits a binding affinity comparable to that of its murine counterpart (see Example 5 below), defective designs, if any, in the original version of hLL2 can be identified by mixing and matching the light and heavy chains of cLL2 to those of the humanized version. SDS-PAGE analysis of the different mix-and-match humanized chimeric LL2 under non-reducing (the disulfide L-H chain connections remain intact) and reducing conditions (the chains separate, permitting analyses of

the relationships of the different types of light and heavy chains on the properties of the molecule). For example, migration as multiple bands or as a higher apparent molecular size can be due to the presence of a 5 glycan group at the N-linked glycosylation site found at the FR1 region of the murine VK domain of LL2. For another example, a discrete band migrating at about 25 kDa is the expected molecular size for a non-glycosylated light chain.

10 In general, to prepare cLL2 mAb, VH and VK chains of mLL2 can be obtained by PCR cloning using DNA products and primers. Orlandi et al., *infra*, and Leung et al., *infra*. The VK PCR primers may be subcloned into a pBR327 based staging vector (VKpBR) as described above. The VH 15 PCR products may be subcloned into a similar pBluescript-based staging vector (VHpBS) as described above. The fragments containing the VK and VH sequences, along with the promoter and signal peptide sequences, can be excised from the staging vectors using HindIII and BamHI restriction endonucleases. The VK fragments (about 600 bp) can be subcloned into a mammalian expression vector 20 (for example, pKh) conventionally. pKh is a pSVhyg-based expression vector containing the genomic sequence of the human kappa constant region, an Ig enhancer, a kappa enhancer and the hygromycin-resistant gene. Similarly, the about 800 bp VH fragments can be subcloned into pG1g, 25 a pSVgpt-based expression vector carrying the genomic sequence of the human IgG1 constant region, an Ig enhancer and the xanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (gpt) gene. The two plasmids may be transfected into mammalian expression cells, such as Sp2/0-Ag14 cells, by electroporation and selected for hygromycin resistance. Colonies surviving selection are expanded, and supernatant fluids monitored for production 30 of cLL2 mAb by an ELISA method. A transfection efficiency of about 1-10 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells is desirable. An antibody expression level of between 0.10 and 2.5 µg/ml can be 35 expected with this system.

RNA isolation, cDNA synthesis, and amplification can be carried out as follows. Total cell RNA can be prepared from a LL2 hybridoma cell line, using a total of about  $10^7$  cells, according to Sambrook et al., 5 (*Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Second ed., Cold Spring Harbor Press, 1989), which is incorporated by reference. First strand cDNA can be reverse transcribed from total RNA conventionally, such as by using the SuperScript preamplification system (Gibco/BRL., 10 Gaithersburg, MD). Briefly, in a reaction volume of 20  $\mu$ l, 50 ng of random primers can be annealed to 5  $\mu$ g of RNAs in the presence of 2  $\mu$ l of 10X synthesis buffer [200 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.4), 500 mM KCl, 25 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mg/ml BSA], 1  $\mu$ l of 10 mM dNTP mix, 2  $\mu$ l of 0.1 M DTT, and 200 15 units of SuperScript reverse transcriptase. The elongation step is initially allowed to proceed at room temperature for 10 min followed by incubation at 42°C for 50 min. The reaction can be terminated by heating the reaction mixture at 90°C for 5 min.

20 The VK and VH sequences for cLL2 or hLL2 can amplified by PCR as described by Orlandi et al., (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA, 86: 3833 (1989)) which is incorporated by reference. VK sequences may be amplified using the primers CK3BH and VK5-3 (Leung et al., 25 BioTechniques, 15: 286 (1993), which is incorporated by reference), while VH sequences can be amplified using the primer CH1B which anneals to the CH1 region of murine IgG, and VHIBACK (Orlandi et al., 1989 above).. The PCR reaction mixtures containing 10  $\mu$ l of the first strand 30 cDNA product, 9  $\mu$ l of 10X PCR buffer [500 mM KCl, 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.3), 15 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and 0.01% (w/v) gelatin] (Perkin Elmer Cetus, Norwalk, CT), can be subjected to 30 cycles of PCR. Each PCR cycle preferably consists of denaturation at 94°C for 1 min, annealing at 50°C for 1.5 35 min, and polymerization at 72°C for 1.5 min. Amplified VK and VH fragments can be purified on 2% agarose (BioRad, Richmond, CA). See Example 3 for a method for the synthesis of an oligo A (149-mer) and an oligo B

(140-mer) on an automated Cyclone Plus DNA synthesizer (Milligan-Bioscience) for use in constructing humanized V genes.

PCR products for VK can be subcloned into a staging vector, such as a pBR327-based staging vector VKpBR that contains an Ig promoter, a signal peptide sequence and convenient restriction sites to facilitate in-frame ligation of the VK PCR products. PCR products for VH can be subcloned into a similar staging vector, such as the pBluescript-based VH<sub>p</sub>BS. Individual clones containing the respective PCR products may be sequenced by, for example, the method of Sanger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA*, 74: 5463 (1977) which is incorporated by reference.

The DNA sequences described herein are to be taken as including all alleles, mutants and variants thereof, whether occurring naturally or induced.

The two plasmids can be co-transfected into an appropriate cell, e.g., myeloma Sp2/0-Ag14, colonies selected for hygromycin resistance, and supernatant fluids monitored for production of cLL2 or hLL2 antibodies by, for example, an ELISA assay, as described below.

Transfection, and assay for antibody secreting clones by ELISA, can be carried out as follows. About 10 µg of hLL2pKh (light chain expression vector) and 20 µg of hLL2pG1g (heavy chain expression vector) can be used for the transfection of 5 X 10<sup>6</sup> SP2/0 myeloma cells by electroporation (BioRad, Richmond, CA) according to Co et al., *J. Immunol.*, 148: 1149 (1992) which is incorporated by reference. Following transfection, cells may be grown in 96-well microtiter plates in complete HSFM medium (GIBCO, Gaithersburg, MD) at 37°C, 5%CO<sub>2</sub>. The selection process can be initiated after two days by the addition of hygromycin selection medium (Calbiochem, San Diego, CA) at a final concentration of 500 µg/ml of hygromycin. Colonies typically emerge 2-3 weeks post-electroporation. The cultures can then be expanded for further analysis.

Transfectoma clones that are positive for the secretion of chimeric or humanized heavy chain can be identified by ELISA assay. Briefly, supernatant samples (100  $\mu$ l) from transfectoma cultures are added in triplicate to ELISA microtiter plates precoated with goat anti-human (GAH)-IgG, F(ab'), fragment-specific antibody (Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA). Plates are incubated for 1 h at room temperature. Unbound proteins are removed by washing three times with wash buffer (PBS containing 0.05% polysorbate 20). Horseradish peroxidase (HRP) conjugated GAH-IgG, Fc fragment-specific antibodies (Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA) are added to the wells, (100  $\mu$ l of antibody stock diluted  $\times 10^4$ , supplemented with the unconjugated antibody to a final concentration of 1.0  $\mu$ g/ml). Following an incubation of 1 h, the plates are washed, typically three times. A reaction solution, [100  $\mu$ l, containing 167  $\mu$ g of orthophenylenediamine (OPD) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO), 0.025% hydrogen peroxide in PBS], is added to the wells. Color is allowed to develop in the dark for 30 minutes. The reaction is stopped by the addition of 50  $\mu$ l of 4 N HCl solution into each well before measuring absorbance at 490 nm in an automated ELISA reader (Bio-Tek instruments, Winooski, VT). Bound chimeric antibodies are then determined relative to an irrelevant chimeric antibody standard (obtainable from Scotgen, Ltd., Edinburg, Scotland).

Antibodies can be isolated from cell culture media as follows. Transfectoma cultures are adapted to serum-free medium. For production of chimeric antibody, cells are grown as a 500 ml culture in roller bottles using HSFM. Cultures are centrifuged and the supernatant filtered through a 0.2 micron membrane. The filtered medium is passed through a protein A column (1 x 3 cm) at a flow rate of 1 ml/min. The resin is then washed with about 10 column volumes of PBS and protein A-bound antibody is eluted from the column with 0.1 M glycine buffer (pH 3.5) containing 10 mM EDTA. Fractions of 1.0

ml are collected in tubes containing 10  $\mu$ l of 3 M Tris (pH 8.6), and protein concentrations determined from the absorbancies at 280/260 nm. Peak fractions are pooled, dialyzed against PBS, and the antibody concentrated, for example, with the Centricon 30 (Amicon, Beverly, MA). The antibody concentration is determined by ELISA, as before, and its concentration adjusted to about 1 mg/ml using PBS. Sodium azide, 0.01% (w/v), is conveniently added to the sample as preservative.

Comparative binding affinities of the mLL2, cLL2 and hcLL2 antibodies thus isolated may be determined by direct radioimmunoassay. mLL2 can be labeled with  $^{131}\text{I}$  or  $^{125}\text{I}$  using the chloramine T method (see, for example, Greenwood et al., *Biochem. J.*, 89: 123 (1963) which is incorporated by reference). The specific activity of the iodinated antibody is typically adjusted to about 10  $\mu\text{Ci}/\mu\text{g}$ . Unlabeled and labeled antibodies are diluted to the appropriate concentrations using reaction medium (HSFM supplemented with 1% horse serum and 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  gentamicin). The appropriate concentrations of both labeled and unlabeled antibodies are added together to the reaction tubes in a total volume of 100  $\mu\text{l}$ . A culture of Raji cells is sampled and the cell concentration determined. The culture is centrifuged and the collected cells washed once in reaction medium followed by resuspension in reaction medium to a final concentration of about  $10^7$  cells/ml. All procedures are carried out in the cold at 4°C. The cell suspension, 100  $\mu\text{l}$ , is added to the reaction tubes. The reaction is carried out at 4°C for 2 h with periodic gentle shaking of the reaction tubes to resuspend the cells. Following the reaction period, 5 ml of wash buffer (PBS containing 1% BSA) is added to each tube. The suspension is centrifuged and the cell pellet washed a second time with another 5 ml of wash buffer. Following centrifugation, the amount of remaining radioactivity remaining in the cell pellet is determined in a gamma counter (Minaxi, Packard Instruments, Sterling, VA).

The Raji cell surface antigen binding affinities of mix-and-match and fully humanized antibodies can be compared to that of cLL2 using various concentrations of mLL2 F(ab'), fragments devoid of the Fc portion as 5 competitors, as evaluated by flow cytometry assay. Residual surface-bound LL2 antibodies carrying the human Fc portions (cLL2 and mix-and-match LL2) can be detected by a FITC-labeled anti-human Fc specific antibody in a flow cytometry assay. Where mix-and-match LL2 antibodies 10 exhibit antigen-binding affinities similar to that of cLL2, it can be concluded that the original designs for the humanization of both the light and heavy chains retain the mLL2 immunoreactivity.

The internalization of mLL2, cLL2 and hLL2 antibodies 15 into target cells can be followed by fluorescence labeling, essentially according to the procedure of Pirker et al., *J. Clin. Invest.*, 76: 1261 (1985), which is incorporated by reference. Cultured Raji cells are centrifuged and the cells resuspended in fresh medium to 20 a concentration of about  $5 \times 10^6$  cells/ml. To each well of a 96-well microtiter plate, 100  $\mu$ l of the cell suspension is added. The antibodies, 40  $\mu$ g/ml, in a volume of 100  $\mu$ l are added to the reaction wells at timed 25 intervals so as to terminate all reactions simultaneously. The plate is incubated at 37°C in a CO<sub>2</sub> cell culture incubator. Unbound antibodies are removed by washing the cells three times with cold 1% FCS/PBS at the end of the incubation. The cells are then treated 30 with 1 ml of Formaid-Fresh [10% formalin solution (Fisher, Fair Lawn, NJ)] for 15 min at 4° C. After washing, antibodies present either on the cell surface or inside the cells are detected by treatment with FITC-labeled goat anti-mouse antibody (Tago, Burlingame, CA), or FITC-labeled goat anti-human antibody (Jackson 35 ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA), depending on whether the antibody being assayed for is murine, chimeric, or humanized, respectively. Fluorescence distributions are

evaluated using a BH-2 fluorescence microscope (Olympus, Lake Success, NY).

The rate of antibody internalization can be determined according to Opresko et al., (*J. Biol. Chem.*, 5 262: 4116 (1987)), using radioiodinated antibody as tracer. Briefly, radiolabeled antibodies ( $1 \times 10^4$  cpm) are incubated with the Raji cells ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml) at 4°C for 2 h in 0.5 ml of DMEM medium containing 1% human serum. Following the reaction interval, non-specifically 10 bound antibodies are removed by washing three times with 0.5 ml of DMEM medium. To each of the reaction tubes 0.5 ml of DMEM medium is added and the suspension incubated at 37°C for the determination of internalization. At 15 timed intervals, triplicates of cells are removed and chilled immediately in an ice bath to stop further internalization. Cells are centrifuged at 1000 X g for 5 min at 4°C. The supernatant is removed and counted for radioactivity. The surface-bound radioactivity is removed by treatment with 1 ml 0.1 M acetate/0.1 M glycine buffer at pH 3.0 for 8 min. in the cold. 20 Radioactivity removed by the acid treatment, and that remaining associated with the cells, are determined. The ratio of the  $CPM_{internalization}/CPM_{surface}$  is plotted versus time to determine the rate of internalization from the slope.

25 Detailed protocols for oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis and related techniques for mutagenesis of cloned DNA are well-known. For example, see Sambrook et al. and Ausubel et al. above.

30 Asn-linked glycosylation sites may be introduced into antibodies using conventional site-directed oligonucleotide mutagenesis reactions. For example, to introduce an Asn in position 18 of a kappa protein, one may alter codon 18 from AGG to AAC. To accomplish this, a single stranded DNA template containing the antibody 35 light chain sequence is prepared from a suitable strain of *E. coli* (e.g., dut<sup>-</sup>ung<sup>-</sup>) in order to obtain a DNA molecule containing a small number of uracils in place of thymidine. Such a DNA template can be obtained by M13

cloning or by in vitro transcription using a SP6 promoter. See, for example, Ausubel et al., eds., CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, John Wiley & Sons, NY, 1987. An oligonucleotide containing the mutated sequence 5 is synthesized conventionally, annealed to the single-stranded template and the product treated with T4 DNA polymerase and T4 DNA ligase to produce a double-stranded DNA molecule. Transformation of wild type *E. coli* (dut<sup>+</sup> ung<sup>+</sup>) cells with the double-stranded DNA provides an 10 efficient recovery of mutated DNA.

Alternatively, an Asn-linked glycosylation site can be introduced into an antibody light chain using an oligonucleotide containing the desired mutation as the primer and DNA clones of the variable regions for the VL 15 chain, or by using RNA from cells that produce the antibody of interest as a template. Also see, Huse, in ANTIBODY ENGINEERING: A PRACTICAL GUIDE, Boerrebaeck, ed., W.H. Freeman & Co., pp 103-120, 1992. Site-directed mutagenesis can be performed, for example, using the 20 TRANSFORMER™ kit (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Alternatively, a glycosylation site can be introduced by synthesizing an antibody chain with mutually priming oligonucleotides, one such containing the desired 25 mutation. See, for example, Uhlmann, Gene 71: 29 (1988); Wosnick et al., Gene 60: 115 (1988); Ausubel et al., above, which are incorporated by reference.

Although the general description above referred to the introduction of an Asn glycosylation site in position 30 18 of the light chain of an antibody, it will occur to the skilled artisan that it is possible to introduce Asn-linked glycosylation sites elsewhere in the light chain, or even in the heavy chain variable region.

The representative embodiments described below are 35 simply used to illustrate the invention. Those skilled in these arts will recognize that variations of the present materials fall within the broad generic scope of the

claimed invention. The contents of all references mentioned herein are incorporated by reference.

### Example 1

## Choice of Human Frameworks and Sequence Design for the Humanization of LL2 Monoclonal Antibody

By comparing the murine variable (V) region framework (FR) sequences of LL2 to that of human antibodies in the Kabat data base (Kabat et al., *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*, 5th ed., U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.), which is incorporated by reference, the human REI (Figure 1A, Sequence ID No. 6) and EU (Figure 1B, Sequence ID NOS. 9 and 10) sequences were found to exhibit the highest degree of sequence homology to the FRs of VK and VH domains of LL2, respectively. Therefore, the REI and EU FRs were selected as the human frameworks onto which the CDRs for LL2 VK and VH were grafted, respectively. The FR4 sequence of NEWM, however, rather than that of EU, was used to replace the EU FR4 sequence for the humanization of LL2 heavy chain. Based on the results of computer modeling studies (Figures 2A and 2B), murine FR residues having potential CDR contacts, which might affect the affinity and specificity of the resultant antibody, were retained in the design of the humanized FR sequences (Figure 1).

Two versions of humanized heavy chain were constructed. In the first version (hLL2-1, SEQ ID NO. 9), the glutamine (Q) at amino acid position 5 (Kabat numbering) was introduced to include a *Pst*I restriction site to facilitate its subcloning into the staging vector (Figure 3). This murine residue was converted, by oligo-directed mutagenesis, to the human EU residue valine (V) in hLL2-2 (SEQ ID NO. 8). It should be noted that in the original murine kappa chain variable sequence, a potential N-linked glycosylation site was identified at positions 18-20 (Figure 1, SEQ ID NO. 2) and was used for carbohydrate addition. This glycosylation site was not

included in the REI FR sequence used for LL2 light chain humanization.

See Example 3 for more oligonucleotide detail.

Example 2

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**PCR Cloning and Sequence Elucidation**

**for LL2 Heavy and Light Chain Variable Regions**

10 The variable regions for both heavy (VH) and light (VK) chains of mLL2 (lgG2a) were obtained by PCR cloning using DNA primers as described in general above and in greater detail in Example 3, below. As PCR is prone to mutations, the variable region sequence of multiple individual clones for either the heavy or light chains was determined for six clones and confirmed to be identical prior to use for the construction of the 15 chimeric antibody.

20 The PCR products for VK were subcloned into a pBR327-based staging vector, VKpBR, which contained an Ig promoter, a signal peptide sequence and convenient restriction sites to facilitate in-frame ligation of the VK PCR products (Figure 3A). The PCR products for VH were subcloned into a similar pBluescript-based staging vector, VHpBS (Figure 3B).

25 As noted above, at least six individual clones containing the respective PCR products were sequenced according to the method of Sanger et al., 1977, above. All were shown to bear identical sequences and their 30 respective sequences were elucidated, as shown in Figure 4A for LL2 VK (Sequence ID NO. 1) and in Figure 4B for LL2 VH (Sequence ID NO. 3). No defective mutations were identified within the sequences encoding the VK and VH regions. Comparison of the PCR-amplified variable region 35 sequences of LL2 with the Kabat database (Kabat et al., above) suggested that the VK and VH sequences of LL2 belong to subgroup 5 and 2B, respectively. Important residues such as Cys for intra-domain disulfide linkage were retained at appropriate positions.

In the FR1 framework region of VK, an N-linked carbohydrate attachment site, Asn-Val-Thr, was identified at position 18-20 (Figure 4A, SEQ ID NO. 2), suggesting that the VK of LL2 might be glycosylated. As will be 5 detailed below, SDS-PAGE analysis under reducing conditions demonstrated that this Asn glycosylation site is indeed utilized for carbohydrate addition. The presence of the glycosylation site in the variable region does not, however, appear to affect the immunoreactivity 10 of the antibody. A comparison of the immunoreactivity of mLL2 with that of cLL2 in a competitive RIA showed that the two antibodies have nearly identical activities.

Example 3

**PCR/Gene Synthesis of the Humanized V Genes**

15 The designed sequence for the hLL2 VH domain, the construction of the hLL2 VH domain by long oligonucleotides and PCR, and the staging vector VH PBS containing the hLL2 VH domain are summarized in the sketch shown in Figure 6.

20 For the construction of the hLL2 VH domain, oligo A (149-mer) and oligo B (140-mer) were synthesized on an automated CYCLONE PLUS™ DNA synthesizer (Milligen Bioresearch).

25 Oligo A (Sequence ID No. 10 below) represents the minus strand of the hLL2 VH domain complementary to nt 24 to 172.

## Sequence ID No. 10

5' -TAT AAT CAT TCC TAG GAT TAA TGT ATC CAA TCC ATT CCA  
GAC CCT GTC CAG GTG CCT GCC TGA CCC AGT GCA GCC AGT AGC  
TAG TAA AGG TGT AGC CAG AAG CCT TGC AGG AGA CCT TCA CTG  
5 ATG ACC CAG GTT TCT TGA CTT CAG CC-3'

Oligo B (Sequence ID No. 11 below) represents the minus strand of the hLL2 VH domain complementary to nt 180 to 320.

## Sequence ID No. 11

10 5' -CCC CAG TAG AAC GTA ATA TCC CTT GCA CAA AAA TAA AAT  
GCC GTG TCC TCA GAC CTC AGG CTG CTC AGC TCC ATG TAG GCT  
GTA TTG GTG GAT TCG TCT GCA GTT ATT GTG GCC TTG TCC TTG  
AAG TTC TGA TT-3'

15 Oligos A and B were cleaved from the support and deprotected by treatment with concentrated ammonium hydroxide. After the samples were vacuum-dried (SpeedVac, Savant, Farmingdale, NY) and resuspended in 100  $\mu$ l of water, incomplete oligomers (less than 100-mer) were removed by centrifugation through a CHROMOSPIN-100<sup>TM</sup>  
20 column (Clonetech, Palo Alto, CA) before the DNA oligomers were amplified by PCR. All flanking primers for the separate amplifications and PCR cloning of oligos A and B were purified by SDS-PAGE essentially according to the methods of Sambrook et al., 1989, above. From the  
25 CHROMASPIN-purified oligo A, 1  $\mu$ l of sample stock was PCR-amplified in a reaction volume of 100  $\mu$ l by adding 5  $\mu$ l of 5  $\mu$ M of oligo Sequence ID No. 12:

5' -CCA GCT GCA GCA ATC AGG GGC TGA AGT CAA GAA ACC TG-3'

and oligo Sequence ID No. 13:

5'-AAG TGG ATC CTA TAA TCA TTC CTA GGA TTA ATG-3'  
in the presence of 10  $\mu$ l of 10X PCR Buffer (500 mM KCl,  
100 mM Tris.HCl buffer, pH 8.3, 15 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) and 5 units  
5 of AMPLITAQ<sup>TM</sup> DNA polymerase (Perkin Elmer Cetus,  
Norwalk, Ct). This reaction mixture was subjected to 30  
cycles of PCR reaction consisting of denaturation at 94°C  
for 1 minute, annealing at 50°C for 1.5 minutes, and  
polymerization at 72°C for 1.5 minutes.

10 Oligo B was PCR-amplified by the primer pairs  
Sequence ID No. 14:

5'-TAA TCC TAG GAA TGA TTA TAC TGA GTA CAA TCA GAA CTT  
CAA GGA CCA G-3'

and Sequence ID No. 15:

15 5'-GGA GAC GGT GAC CGT GGT GCC TTG GCC CCA GTA GAA CGT  
AGT AA-3'

under similar conditions.

20 Double-stranded PCR-amplified products for oligos A  
and B were gel-purified, restriction-digested with  
PstI/AvrII (PCR product of oligo A) and BstEII/AvrII (PCR  
product of oligo B), and subcloned into the complementary  
PstI/BstEII sites of the heavy chain staging vector,  
VHpBS. The humanized VH sequence was subcloned into the  
pG1g vector, resulting in the final human IgG1 heavy  
25 chain expression vector, hLL2pG1g.

For constructing the full length DNA of the humanized  
VK sequence, oligo E (150-mer) and oligo F (121-mer) were  
synthesized as described above.

Oligo E Sequence ID No. 16:

30 5'-CCT AGT GGA TGC CCA GTA GAT CAG CAG TTT AGG TGC TTT  
CCC TGG TTT CTG GTG GTA CCA GGC CAA GTA GTT CTT GTG ATT  
TGC ACT GTA TAA AAC ACT TTG ACT GGA CTT ACA GCT CAT AGT  
GAC CCT ATC TCC AAC AGA TGC GCT CAG-3'

represents the minus strand of the humanized VK domain  
35 complementary to nt 31 to 180, and this sequence was PCR-  
amplified by oligo Sequence ID No. 17:

5'-GAC AAG CTT CAG CTG ACC CAG TCT CCA TCA TCT CTG AGC  
GCA TCT GTT GGA G-3'

and oligo Sequence ID No. 18:

5'-AGA GAA TCG CGA AGG GAC ACC AGA TTC CCT AGT GGA TGC  
CCA GTA-3'.

Oligo F Sequence ID No. 19:

5 5'-GCA CCT TGG TCC CTC CAC CGA ACG TCC ACG AGG AGA GGT  
ATT GGT GAC AAT AAT ATG TTG CAA TGT CTT CTG GTT GAA GAG  
AGC TGA TGG TGA AAG TAA AAT CTG TCC CAG ATC CGC TGC C-3'  
represents the minus strand of the humanized LL2 VK  
domain complementary to nt 208 to 327, and was PCR  
10 amplified by oligo Sequence ID No. 20:

5'-GAC AAG CTT TCG CGA TTC TCT GGC AGC GGA TCT GGG ACA G-  
3'

and oligo Sequence ID No. 21:

5'-GAC CGG CAG ATC TGC ACC TTG GTC CCT CCA CCG-3'.

15 Gel-purified PCR products for oligos E and F were  
restriction-digested with *Pvu*II/*Nru*I and *Nru*I/*Bgl*III,  
respectively. The two PCR fragments E and F were then  
joined at the *Nru*I site and ligated to the complementary  
*Pvu*I/*Bc*II sites of the light chain staging vector, VKpBR.  
20 The humanized VK sequence was subcloned into vector pKh  
to form the final human kappa chain expression vector,  
hLL2pKh.

25 To express the humanized antibodies, about 10 µg of  
linearized hLL2pKh and 20 µg of linearized hLL2pG1g were  
used to transfect  $5 \times 10^6$  SP2/0 cells by electroporation.  
The transfectomas were selected with hygromycin at 500  
µg/ml and secreted antibody was purified on a 1x3 cm  
30 column of protein A. After concentrating the purified  
antibody by Centricon 30 centrifugation, antibody  
concentration was determined by ELISA. The final  
concentration of the antibody was adjusted to 1 mg/ml in  
PBS buffer containing 0.01% (w/v) sodium azide as a  
preservative.

35 In Figure 1, there is compared the amino acid  
sequence between murine and humanized LL2 VK domains  
(Figure 1A, SEQ ID NOS. 2 and 6) and between murine and  
humanized LL2 VH domains (Figure 1B, SEQ ID NOS. 4, 9 and  
8). In the VK chain, human REI framework sequences were

used for all FRs. In the VH chain, human EU framework sequences were used for FR 1-3, and NEWM sequences were used for FR-4. Only human FR sequences that are different from that of the mouse are shown. Asterisks 5 indicate murine FR sequences that are different from that of the human FR at corresponding positions. Murine residues at these positions were retained in the humanized structure. CDRs are boxed.

10 In Figure 4A (Sequence ID NOS. 1 and 2) there are shown the double stranded DNA and corresponding amino acid sequences (shown by single letter code) of the murine LL2 VK domain. CDR 1-3 amino acid sequences are boxed. The corresponding display for VH is shown in Figure 4B (Sequence ID NOS 3 and 4).

15 In Figure 5A (Sequence ID NOS. 5 and 6) and Figure 5B (Sequence ID NOS. 7 and 8) there are shown double-stranded DNA sequences and amino acid sequences of humanized LL2 VK and LL2 VH, respectively. Amino acid sequences are shown by the single-letter code, and CDR 20 amino acid sequences are boxed.

#### Example 4

#### Construction, Expression and Purification

#### of Chimeric LL2 Antibodies

25 The fragments containing the VK and VH sequences of LL2, together with the promoter and signal peptide sequences, were excised from LL2VKpBR and LL2VHpBS, respectively, by double restriction digestion with *Hind*III and *Bam*HI. The about 600 bp VK fragments were then subcloned into the *Hind*III/*Bam*HI site of a mammalian 30 expression vector, pKh (Figure 3A). pKh is a pSVhyg-based expression vector containing the genomic sequence of the human kappa constant region, an Ig enhancer, a kappa enhancer and the hygromycin-resistant gene. Similarly, the ca. 800 bp VH fragments were subcloned 35 into the corresponding *Hind*III/*Bam*HI site of pG1g (Figure 3B), a pSVgpt-based expression vector carrying the genomic sequence of the human IgG1 constant region, an Ig

enhancer and the xanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (gpt) gene. The final expression vectors are designated as LL2pKh and LL2pG1g, respectively.

5 The two plasmids were co-transfected into Sp2/0-Ag14 cells by electroporation and selected for hygromycin resistance. Supernatants from colonies surviving selection were monitored for chimeric antibody secretion by ELISA assay (see above). The transfection efficiency was approximately 1-10 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells. The antibody expression level, in a terminal culture, was found to 10 vary in the range between < 0.10 and 2.5/µg/ml.

15 Figure 7 shows the results of analyzing protein A-purified mLL2 (lanes 4 and 7) and cLL2 (lanes 5 and 8) by SDS-PAGE under reducing and nonreducing conditions, respectively. HMW stands for high molecular weight protein markers, and LMW for light molecular weight markers. The light chains of both mLL2 and cLL2 (lanes 4 and 5) migrated primarily as a doublet band, with a higher than expected apparent molecular weight. As the 20 human kappa constant region of cLL2 is known to contain no potential glycosylation site, it can be inferred that the potential glycosylation site identified in the FR1 region of LL2 VK domain was utilized.

25 Figure 8 shows the results of analyzing different versions of hLL2 and cLL2 antibodies by SDS-PAGE under reducing and non-reducing conditions. As before, LMW and HMW are molecular weight markers. Lanes 3 and 6 are cLL2 antibodies. Lanes 4 and 7 are hLL2 with seven murine FR residues in the VH domain (hLL2-1). Lanes 5 and 8 are 30 hLL2 with 6 murine FR residues in the VH domain (hLL2-2). The humanized light chains migrated more rapidly and as more discrete bands compared to chimeric light chains.

35 Figure 9 shows the results of SDS-PAGE analysis on mix-and-match and cLL2 and hLL2 antibodies under both reducing and non-reducing conditions. Lanes 1 and 2 are molecular weight markers. Lanes 3 and 7 are cLL2. Lanes 4 and 8 are mix-and-match with a humanized light and chimeric heavy chain [(hL/cH)LL2]. Lanes 5 and 9 are

chimeric light and humanized heavy (Version 1) chains [(cL/hH)LL2-1]. Lanes 6 and 10 are chimeric light and a humanized heavy (version 2) chains [(cL/hH)LL2-2]. The humanized LL2 version 1 contains 7 murine FR residues in 5 the VH domain, while version 2 contains 6 murine FR residues in the VH domain. It is noteworthy that the position of the light chain of (hL/cH)LL2 (lane 4) is different from that of the others, suggesting that there is no carbohydrate attachment to the humanized LL2 light 10 chain.

**Example 5**

**Binding of cLL2 Antibody**

**to Raji Cell Surface Antigens**

A competition cell binding assay was carried out to 15 assess the immunoreactivity of cLL2 relative to the parent mLL2. Using  $^{131}\text{I}$ -labeled mLL2 (0.025  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ) as a probe, Raji cells were incubated with the antibodies and the relative binding to the cells determined from the amount of cell-bound labeled mLL2 (see above). As shown 20 by the competition assays described in Figure 10, both mLL2 and cLL2 antibodies exhibited similar binding activities.

The results were confirmed by a second competition 25 assay based on flow cytometry. Briefly, using Raji cells as before and varying the concentration of one antibody relative to other, as before, the amount of bound mLL2 or cLL2 was determined with FITC-labeled anti-mouse Fc or anti-human Fc antibodies followed by analysis using flow cytometry.

30 **Example 6**

**Binding of hLL2 Antibodies to Raji Cells**

In experiments similar to those of Example 5, the 35 antigen binding affinities of the three different combinations of mix-and-match or humanized LL2 were compared with that of cLL2 in the flow cytometry assay.

Briefly, 1  $\mu\text{g}$  of cLL2, mix-and-match LL2, hLL2-1 or hLL2-2 antibodies were incubated with  $10^6$  Raji cells in

the presence of varying concentrations of mLL2 F(ab'),  
fragments (as competitor) in a final volume of 100  $\mu$ l of  
PBS buffer supplemented with 1% FCS and 0.01% sodium  
azide. The mixture was incubated for 30 minutes at 4°C,  
5 and washed three times with PBS to remove unbound  
antibodies. By taking advantage of the presence of human  
Fc portions in the antibodies, the binding levels of the  
antibodies were assessed by adding a 20X diluted FITC-  
labeled goat anti-human IgG1, Fc fragment-specific  
10 antibodies (Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA). The  
cells were washed three times with PBS, and fluorescence  
intensities measured by a FACSCAN fluorescence activated  
cell sorter (Becton-Dickinson, Bedford, MA). The results  
are shown in Figure 11A.

15 Using the same methods, cLL2 was compared to two  
versions of hLL2 (Figure 11B).

20 The results shown in Figures 11A and B demonstrate  
that the immunoreactivity of cLL2 is similar or identical  
to that of humanized or mix-and-match antibodies. Taken  
together with the comparison of cLL2 with mLL2 (Figure  
10), the authenticity of the sequences for chimeric and  
humanized VK and VH obtained is established, and the  
functionality of cLL2 and hLL2 confirmed.

#### Example 7

##### 25 Internalization of mLL2 and cLL2 by Raji Cells

One of the unique characteristics of the LL2 antibody  
is its rapid internalization upon binding to Raji cells  
(Shih et al., 1994 above). Murine LL2 after  
internalization is likely to be rapidly transferred to  
30 the Golgi apparatus and from there to the lysosomes, the  
organelle responsible for the degradation of a wide  
variety of biochemicals (Keisari et al., *Immunochem.*, 10:  
565 (1973)).

35 Rates of antibody internalization were determined  
according to Opresko et al., 1987 above. The ratio of  
 $CPM_{intracellular}/CPM_{surface}$  was determined as a function of time.

Rates of LL2 antibody internalization were determined by incubating radiolabeled LL2 antibody ( $1 \times 10^6$  cpm) with  $0.5 \times 10^6$  Raji cells in 0.5 ml of DMEM buffer containing 1% human serum for 2 hrs. at 4°C. Excess human serum was 5 included to saturate Raji cell surface Fc receptors in order to exclude or minimize non-antigen-specific internalization mediated through the Fc receptors. Unbound radiolabeled LL2 antibodies were removed from the cells by washing three times with 0.5 ml portions of DMEM 10 at 4°C. Cells were then incubated at 37°C, and, at timed intervals, aliquots of the cell suspension were transferred to ice in order to stop internalization. The cells in these aliquots were isolated by centrifugation 15 at 1,000 x g for 5 mins. at 4°C, and surface bound radiolabeled LL2 stripped off cells with 1 ml of 0.1 M glycine acetate buffer, pH 3, for 8 mins. at 4°C. Radioactivity thus obtained (CPM surface) and radioactivity remaining in the cells (CPM intracellular) were determined. Rates of internalization were calculated 20 from the slope of the plot of intracellular:surface radioactivity ratios as a function of time.

As shown in Figure 12, mLL2, cLL2, cLL2Q and hLL2 25 antibodies were internalized at a similar rate ( $K_e = 0.107$  (mLL2) to 0.1221 (cLL2Q, NVT to QVT mutation). Those numbers suggested that approximately 50% of the surface-bound antibody could be internalized in 10 min. The results show that neither chimerization nor 30 humanization nor deglycosylation by mutagenesis of mLL2 antibodies impair rates of internalization.

The pattern of internalization for mLL2, cLL2 and 35 hLL2 was also monitored by fluorescence microscopy on a time-course basis using a FITC-labeled second antibody probe as described in the specification. Internalization of both antibodies was observed in at the earliest time point measurable. At 5 minutes, antibodies were seen both on the cell surface and internalized in areas immediately adjacent to the membrane as cytoplasmic micro-vesicles. At 15 min. post-incubation, the fine

dots dispersed around the intramembrane began to merge into a group of granules, at locations believed to be the Golgi apparatus. As more antibodies were being internalized after 30 min. of incubation, redistribution of the grouped antibodies to scattered locations, probably the lysosomes in which the antibodies were degraded, was observed. At 2 hrs post-incubation, most of the antibodies were found inside the cell. Only strong surface staining was observed when LL2 was 5 incubated for 20 min on ice. Both mLL2 and cLL2 were 10 internalized with a similar pattern. The internalization of LL2 was associated specifically with antigen-antibody binding, as the irrelevant control humanized antibody demonstrated only dull surface staining.

15 A103 antibody (an IgG2a antibody that binds to the surface of all human epithelial cells but does not internalize efficiently (Mattes et al., *Hybridoma*, 2: 253 (1983)) showed strong membrane staining at up to 2 h, while the anti-transferrin receptor antibody (5F9) 20 internalized rapidly, just as did LL2.

Example 8

Role of Glycosylation Site

in FR1 Region of LL2 VK Sequence

25 Of particular inventive interest is the identification of an Asn-glycosylation site at position 18-20 within the FR1 region of the LL2 NVT light chain sequence (Figure 4A SEQ ID NO. 2). As shown above, SDS-PAGE analysis under reducing condition suggests that the 30 Asn glycosylation site is utilized for carbohydrate addition.

In this example, the influence of the carbohydrate moiety at position 18-20 on the functional activities of the light chains was examined.

35 Murine and chimeric LL2 light chains were treated with (+) or without (-) endoglycosidase F conventionally, and the antibody products examined by SDS-PAGE under reducing and non-reducing conditions (Figure 13). There

was no distinction between the antibody types as to electrophoretic behavior. In both cases, deglycosylation reduced the rate of migration of the light chain.

5 The effect of deglycosylation on the binding affinity to Raji cells of the mLL2 antibody is shown in Figure 14. Removing carbohydrate by endoglycosidase F was without influence on the binding activity.

10 A mutation was introduced at position 18 of the light chain so that the Asn was replaced with Gln to produce LL2Q VK FR1. SDS-PAGE analyses demonstrated that the NVT to QVT mutation abolished glycosylation of the antibody. Comparison of the Raji cell binding affinity for cLL2 with and without light chain VK glycosylation demonstrated that the carbohydrate moiety was without 15 influence on binding of the antibody to these cells.

20 It can be concluded that the presence of the carbohydrate site in the variable region does not affect the immunoreactivity of the antibody. Computer modeling studies suggested that the VK carbohydrate moiety in LL2 is remotely positioned from the CDRs and forms a "cap" over the bottom loops of the FR-associated  $\beta$ -barrels supporting the CDRs.

25 Humanization without inclusion of the original glycosylation site resulted in a CDR-grafted LL2 antibody with immunoreactivity comparable to that of its murine counterpart.

30 These characteristics indicate that the glycosylation site can be used for conjugating therapeutic or diagnostic agents to LL2 without compromising the ability of the antibody to bind and internalize in B-lymphoma or leukemia cells.

#### Example 9

##### Conjugation of LL2 at its Carbohydrate-bearing Site

35 The apparent lack of involvement of the variable region carbohydrate moiety in the functional activities of mLL2, cLL2 and hLL2 mAbs indicates that this moiety could profitably be used as the site of attachment of cytotoxic or detection agents such as radionuclides or

toxins, and thereby avoid potential interference with the binding of the conjugate to a cell surface.

Using procedures described in Shih et al., U.S. patent no. 5,057,313 (which is incorporated by reference) for preparing antibody conjugates through an oxidized carbohydrate moiety of the antibody and a primary alkylamino group of a polymeric carrier to which are covalently one or more of a variety of drugs, toxins, chelators and detectable labels, a doxorubicin-dextran-LL2 antibody fragment devoid of appended glycans was produced containing multiple copies of the drug. The carbohydrate moieties of the cLL2 VK FR1 region involved were those covalently bound to the Asn glycosylation site.

In one synthesis, dextran (18-40 kDa) was converted to an amino dextran by oxidation of the dextran by NaIO<sub>4</sub>, Schiff base formation with NH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CHOH-CH<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>, and reduction with NaBH<sub>4</sub>. The amino dextran was then condensed with doxorubicin (DOX) in the presence of succinic anhydride and 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide to produce DOX-aminodextran. The latter was then condensed with an aldehydic group on LL2 VK FR-1 produced by oxidizing the carbohydrate moiety of the antibody fragment with NaIO<sub>4</sub>.

In one preparation of DOX-LL2, the number of moles of DOX attached to dextran was 14 moles per mole dextran, and the number of moles of doxorubicin per mole F(ab')<sub>2</sub> was 8.9. The immunoreactivity in the Raji cell binding assay above was about 80% of control values.

This conjugation system is not limited to the mLL2 antibody. In a comparative study, 15-19 moles of DOX/mole of cLL2 were bound.

The conjugation possibilities are not limited to the use of a carrier dextran as in the example above. For example, the carbohydrate moiety of the LL2 VK FR1 region can be oxidized to produce aldehydic groups. These in turn can be reacted with an amino group on any drug to produce a Schiff base which, upon reduction, produces

multiple copies of the drug stably linked to the antibody via alkyamine groups.

For example, where the drug is aminohexyl DTPA (a chelating agent), there is produced a LL2 covalently 5 bound to a chelator. The chelator can be used to deliver to target tissues, for example, a radionuclide or paramagnetic metal ion, with a potential for diagnostic and therapeutic uses. DTPA-LL2 conjugates were produced containing 5.5 moles of the chelator/mole of antibody 10 which, in turn, chelated 47.3% of Y-90 and 97.4% In-111.

It should be emphasized that the above-described examples merely describe several specific embodiments of the invention, and applicants do not intend to be limited as to scope of claims by these specific examples.

15 Applicants also incorporate by reference all publications and patents cited in the specification.

## SEQUENCE LISTING

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- (A) LENGTH: 339 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

## (ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 1..339

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Glu Asn Val Thr Met Ser Cys Lys Ser Ser Gln Ser Val Leu Tyr Ser	
20 25 30	
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Ala Asn His Lys Asn Tyr Leu Ala Trp Tyr Gln Gln Lys Pro Gly Gln	
35 40 45	
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Ser Pro Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr Trp Ala Ser Thr Arg Glu Ser Gly Val	
50 55 60	
CCT GAT CGC TTC ACA GGC AGC GGA TCT GGG ACA GAT TTT ACT CTT ACC	240
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  - (B) TYPE: amino acid
  - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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Arg

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  - (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
  - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ix) FEATURE:
  - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
  - (B) LOCATION: 1..348

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ATG CAA CTG AGC AGC CTG ACA TCT GAG GAC TCT GCA GTC TAT TAC TGT Met Gln Leu Ser Ser Leu Thr Ser Glu Asp Ser Ala Val Tyr Tyr Cys 85 90 95	288
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 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 1..339

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Asp Arg Val Thr Met Ser Cys Lys Ser Ser Gln Ser Val Leu Tyr Ser	
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Pro Ser Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe Thr Phe Thr	
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## (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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Pro Ser Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Phe Thr Phe Thr  
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Arg

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- (A) LENGTH: 348 base pairs
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  - (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
  - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
  - (B) LOCATION: 1..348

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Ser Val Lys Val Ser Cys Lys Ala Ser Gly Tyr Thr Phe Thr Ser Tyr	
20 25 30	
TGG CTG CAC TGG GTC AGG CAG GCA CCT GGA CAG GGT CTG GAA TGG ATT	144
Trp Leu His Trp Val Arg Gln Ala Pro Gly Gln Gly Leu Glu Trp Ile	
35 40 45	
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Gly Tyr Ile Asn Pro Arg Asn Asp Tyr Thr Glu Tyr Asn Gln Asn Phe	
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Lys Asp Lys Ala Thr Ile Thr Ala Asp Glu Ser Thr Asn Thr Ala Tyr	
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ATG GAG CTG AGC AGC CTG AGG TCT GAG GAC ACG GCA TTT TAT TTT TGT	288
Met Glu Leu Ser Ser Leu Arg Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Phe Tyr Phe Cys	
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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

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Gly Tyr Ile Asn Pro Arg Asn Asp Tyr Thr Glu Tyr Asn Gln Asn Phe  
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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 116 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

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Gly Tyr Ile Asn Pro Arg Asn Asp Tyr Thr Glu Tyr Asn Gln Asn Phe  
50 55 60

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Met Glu Leu Ser Ser Leu Arg Ser Glu Asp Thr Ala Phe Tyr Phe Cys  
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Thr Val Ser Ser  
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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 149 base pairs
  - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
  - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
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- (A) LENGTH: 134 base pairs
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- (A) LENGTH: 49 base pairs
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- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (A) LENGTH: 150 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
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- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 52 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (A) LENGTH: 121 base pairs
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- (A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
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## (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:21:

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## WE CLAIM:

1. An isolated polynucleotide of Figure 4A (Seq. ID NO. 1), said polynucleotide comprising the DNA sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of the light chain variable (VK) region of the LL2 monoclonal antibody (mAb).  
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2. An isolated polynucleotide of Figure 4B (Seq. ID NO. 3), said polynucleotide comprising the DNA sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of the heavy chain variable (VH) region of the LL2 mAb.  
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3. An isolated polynucleotide of Figure 5A (SEQ. ID NO. 5), said polynucleotide comprising the DNA sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of the hLL2 VK domain.  
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4. An isolated polynucleotide of Figure 5B (SEQ. ID NO. 7), said polynucleotide comprising the DNA sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of the hLL2 VH domain.  
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5. A protein encoded by the polynucleotides of any one of claims 1 to 4, inclusive.  
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6. An isolated complementarity determining region-1 (CDR1) polypeptide of the VK region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 24-40 of SEQ ID NO. 2):

25 KSSQSVLYSANHKNYLA

7. An isolated CDR2 polypeptide of the VK region of LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 56-62 of SEQ ID NO. 2):

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30 8. An isolated CDR3 polypeptide of the VK region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 95-103 of SEQ ID NO. 2):

HQYLSSWTF

35 9. An isolated CDR1 polypeptide of the VH region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 31-35 of SEQ ID NO. 4):

SYWLH

10. An isolated CDR2 polypeptide of the VH region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 50-66 of SEQ ID NO. 4):

YINPRNDYTEYNQNFKD

5 11. An isolated CDR3 polypeptide of the VH region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 99-105 of SEQ ID NO. 4):

RDITTFY

10 12. The polynucleotide of Claim 1 inserted into a VKpBR plasmid.

13. The polynucleotide of Claim 2 inserted into a VHpBS plasmid.

14. A plasmid of Claim 12 or Claim 13, further comprising an Ig promoter and a signal peptide sequence.

15 15. A polynucleotide of Claim 1 or Claim 3 incorporated into a mammalian expression vector, designated LL2pKh, said vector further comprising an Ig promoter, a signal peptide DNA sequence, a genomic sequence of the human kappa constant region, an Ig enhancer, a kappa enhancer, and a marker gene.

20 16. A polynucleotide of Claim 2 or Claim 4 incorporated into a mammalian expression vector, designated LL2pKlg, the vector further comprising an Ig promoter, a signal peptide DNA sequence, a genomic sequence of a human IgG1 constant region, an Ig enhancer and a marker gene.

17. A cLL2 mAb, comprising the light chain and heavy chain chains of the mLL2 mAb linked to the human kappa and human IgG, constant regions, respectively.

30 18. A hLL2 mAb, comprising a light chain and a heavy chain complementarity-determining region of a mLL2 mAb joined to a framework sequence of a human VK and human VH region, respectively, linked to human kappa and IgG, constant region domains, respectively, such that said 35 hLL2 mAb retains substantially the B-lymphoma cell and leukemia cell targeting and cell internalization characteristics of the parent mLL2 antibody.

19. A conjugate, comprising a cLL2 or hLL2 antibody or fragment thereof covalently bound to a diagnostic or therapeutic reagent.

5 20. A conjugate of Claim 19, wherein said diagnostic reagent comprises a label.

21. A conjugate of Claim 19, wherein said therapeutic reagent comprises a cytotoxic agent.

10 22. A conjugate of Claim 19, wherein said reagent is bound to said antibody or fragment thereof by means of a carbohydrate moiety of said antibody or fragment thereof.

15 23. A method of treating a B-cell lymphoma or leukemia in a subject, comprising the step of administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of the conjugate of Claim 21 formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

20 24. A method of diagnosing a B-cell lymphoma or leukemia cell in a subject, comprising the steps of administering to said subject a diagnostically effective amount of the conjugate of Claim 20 formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, and detecting said label.

25 25. A hLL2 mAb according to claim 18, comprising an isolated complementarity determining region-1 (CDR1) polypeptide of the VK region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 24-40 of SEQ ID NO. 2):

KSSQSVLYSANHKNYLA;

30 an isolated CDR2 polypeptide of the VK region of LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 56-62 of SEQ ID NO. 2):

WASTRES;

35 an isolated CDR3 polypeptide of the VK region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 95-103 of SEQ ID NO. 2):

HQYLSSWTF;

an isolated CDR1 polypeptide of the VH region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 31-35 of SEQ ID NO. 4):

SYWLH;

5 an isolated CDR2 polypeptide of the VH region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 50-66 of SEQ ID NO. 4):

YINPRNDYTEYNQNFKD; and

10 an isolated CDR3 polypeptide of the VH region of the LL2 mAb, comprising the amino acid sequence (residues 99-105 of SEQ ID NO. 4):

RDITTFY.

FIG. 1A

Murine REIHSVVK	FR1 * DIOILTQSPSSLAVSAGENTVMS -----SA-V-DR-----	L1 * KSSQSVLYSANTHKNYLA -----KA-----	FR2 * WYQQKRPQGQSP -----KA-----
Murine REIHSVVK	FR3 * KLLIX <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">WASTRES</span> GVPDRIFTGSGSGTDETLTISRVQVEDLAIYVC -----S-----F-----SL-P--I-T-----	L2 * KLLIX <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">WASTRES</span> GVPDRIFTGSGSGTDETLTISRVQVEDLAIYVC -----S-----F-----SL-P--I-T-----	FR4 * <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">GGGT</span> KLEIKR -----
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FIG. 1B

FIG. 2A

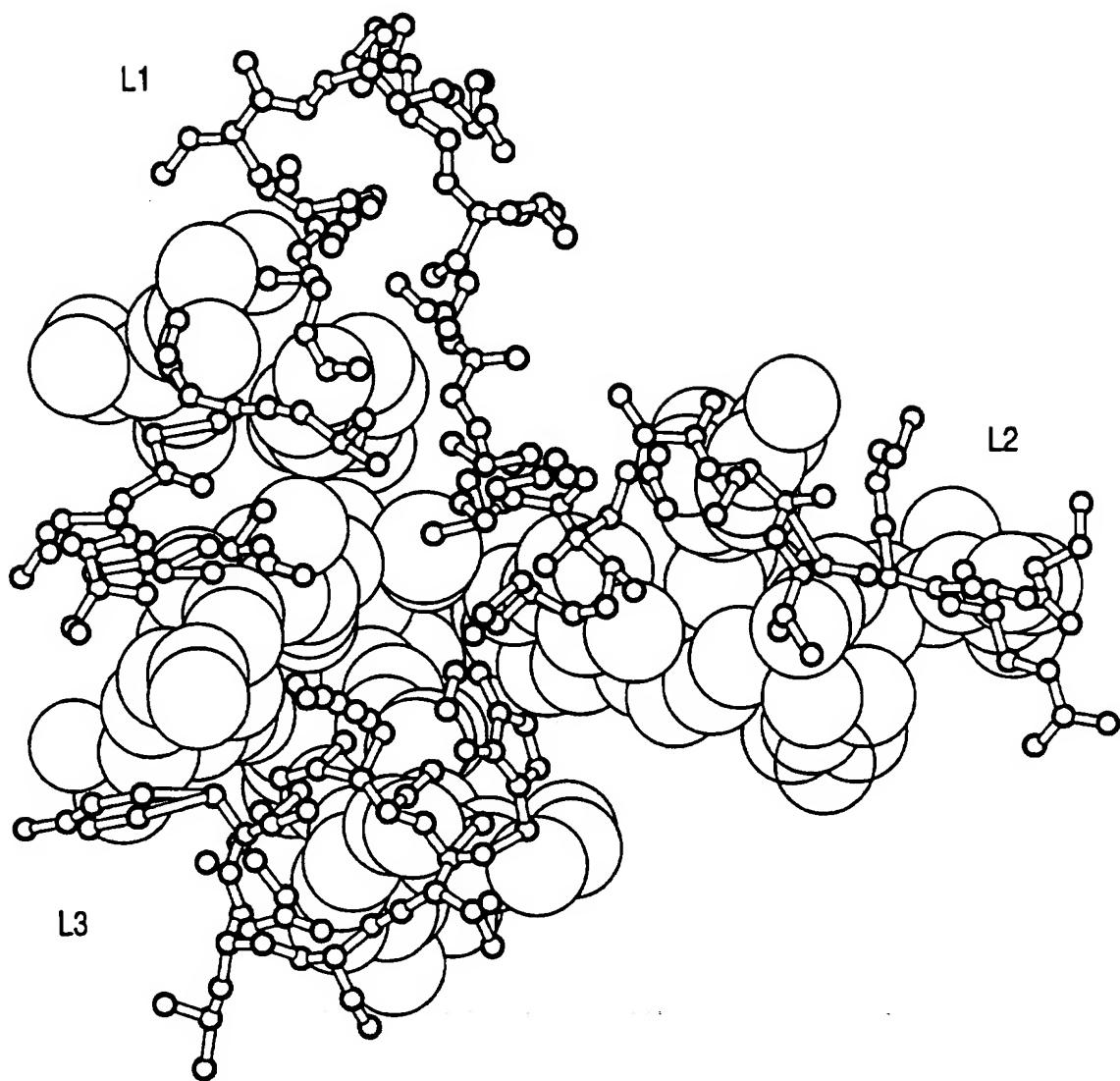
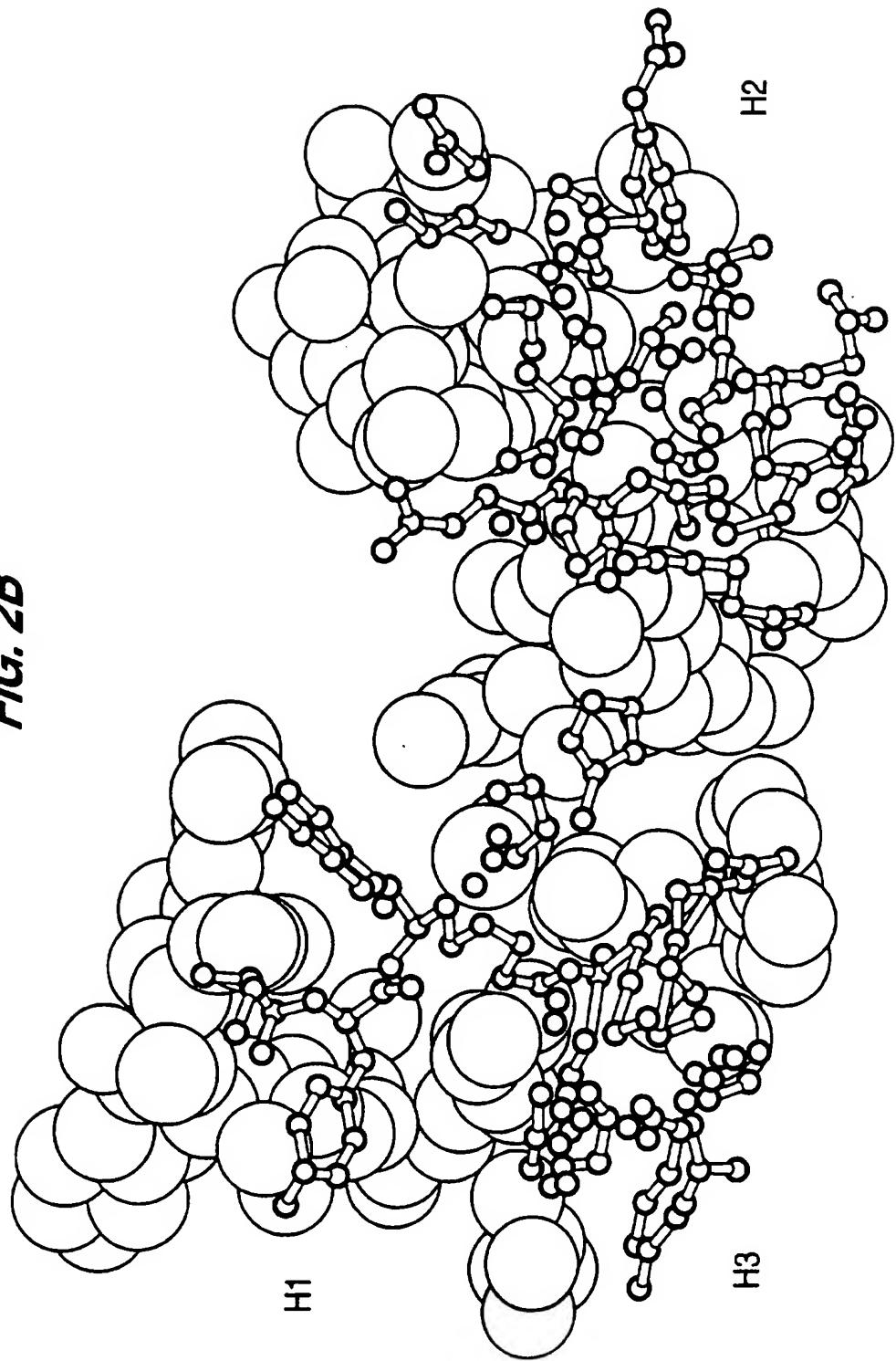
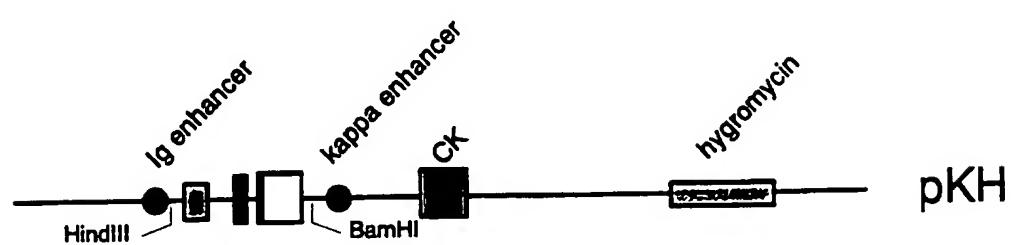
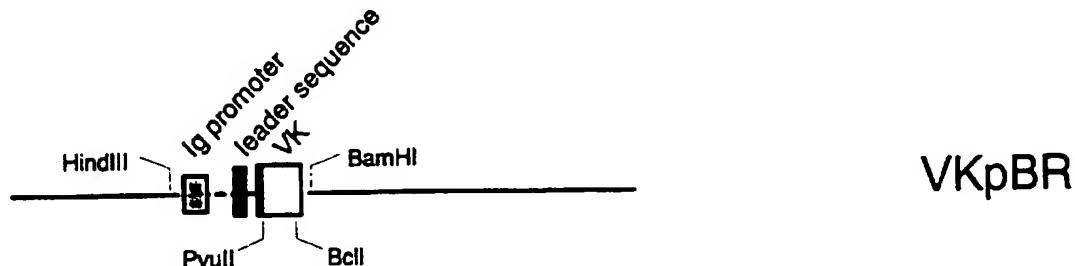
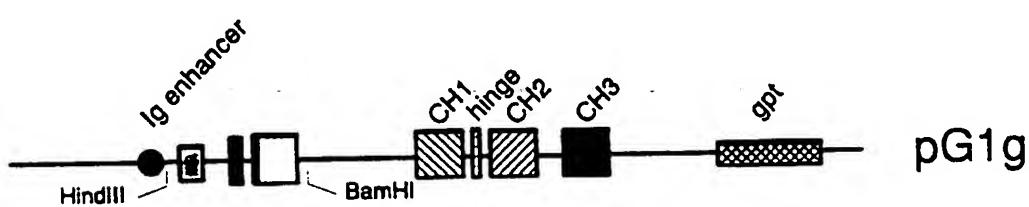
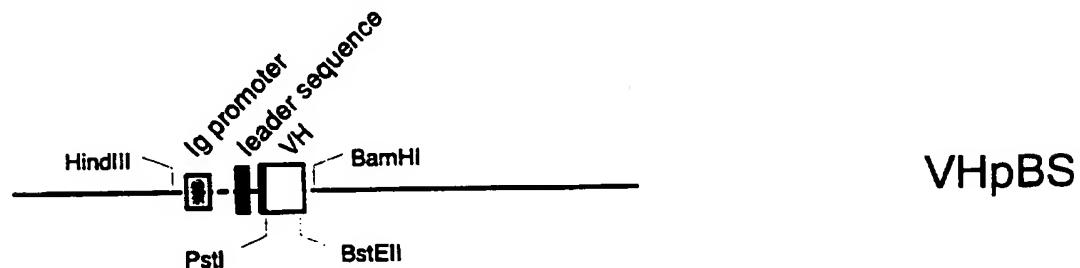


FIG. 2B



**FIG. 3****A. Light Chain Staging and Expression Vector****B. Heavy Chain Staging and Expression Vector**

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FIG. 4A

LL2 VK

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## FIG. 4B

LL2 VH

CAGGTCCAGCTGCAGGAGTCAGGGCTGAAGTCAAAACCTGGGCCTCAGTGAAGATG  
 1 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 60  
 GTCCAGGTGCACGTCCCTCAGTCCCCGACTTGACAGTTGGACCCGGAGTCACCTCTAC

Q V Q L Q E S G A E L S K P G A S V X M -

TCC TGCAAGGCTTCTGGCTACACCTTTACTAGCTACTGGCTGCACTGGATAAAACAGAGG  
 61 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 120  
 AGGACGTTCCGAAGACCGATGTGGAAATGATCGATGACCGACGTGACCTATTTGTCTCC  
 CDR1

S C K A S G Y T F T S Y W L H W I K Q R -

CCTGGACAGGGTCTGGAATGGATTGGATACTTAATCCTAGGAATGATTATACTGAGTAC  
 121 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 180  
 GGACCTGTCCCAGACCTTACCTAACCTATGTAATTAGGATCCTTACTAATATGACTCATG  
 CDR2

P G Q G L E W I G Y I N P R N D Y T E Y -

AATCAGAACTTCAAGGACAAGGCCACATTGACTGCAGACAAATCCTCCAGCACAGCCTAC  
 181 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 240  
 TTAGTCTTGAAGTTCTGTTCCGGTGTAACTGACGTCTGTTAGGAGGTCGTGTCGGATG

N Q N F K D K A T L T A D K S S S T A Y -

ATGCAACTGAGCAGCCTGACATCTGAGGACTCTGCAGTCTATTACTGTGCAAGAAGGGAT  
 241 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 300  
 TACGTTGACTCGTCGGACTGTAGACTCCTGAGACGTCAGATAATGACACGTTCTCCCTA

M Q L S S L T S E D S A V Y Y C A R R D -

ATTACTACGTTCTACTGGGCCAAGGCACCACTCTCACAGTCTCCTCG  
 301 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 348  
 TAATGATGCAAGATGACCCCGTTCCGGTGGTGAGAGTGTCAAGAGGAGC  
 CDR3

I T T F Y W G Q G T T L T V S S -

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## FIG. 5A

GACATTCAAGCTGACCCAGTCTCCATCATCTGAGCGCATCTGGAGATAGGGTCACT  
 1 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 60  
 CTGTAAGTCGACTGGGTCAAGAGGTAGTAGAGACTCGCGTAGACAAACCTCTATCCCAGTGA  
 D I Q L T Q S P S S L S A S V G D R V T -

ATGAGCTGTAAGTCCAGTCAGTCAAAGTGTAACTACAGTGCAAATCACAAGAACTACTTGGCC  
 61 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 120  
 TACTCGACATTCAGGTCAAGTTCAACAAATATGTCACGTTAGTGTCTTGTGAAACCGG  
 CDR1  
 M S C K S S Q S V L Y S A N H K N Y L A -

TGGTACCAAGCAGAAACCAGGGAAAGCACCTAAACTGCTGATCTACTGGCATCCACTAGG  
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 ACCATGGTCGTCTTGGTCCCTTCGTGGATTGACGACTAGATGACCCGTAGGTGATCC  
 CDR2  
 W Y Q Q K P G K A P K L L I Y W A S T R -

GAATCTGGTGTCCCTTCGCGATTCTCTGGCAGCGGATCTGGACAGATTTACTTCAACC  
 181 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 240  
 CTTAGACCACAGGGAAAGCGCTAAGAGACCGTGCCTAGACCTGTCTAAAATGAAAGTGG  
 E S G V P S R F S G S G S G T D F T F T -

ATCAGCTCTCTCAACCAGAAGACATTGCAACATATTATTGTCACCAATACCTCTCG  
 241 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 300  
 TAGTCGAGAGAAGTTGGTCTCTGTAAACGTTGTATAATAACAGTGGTTATGGAGAGGAGC  
 CDR3  
 I S S L Q P E D I A T Y Y C B Q Y L S S -

TGGACGTTGGTGGAGGGACCAAGCTGGAGATCAAACGT  
 301 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 339  
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**FIG. 5B**

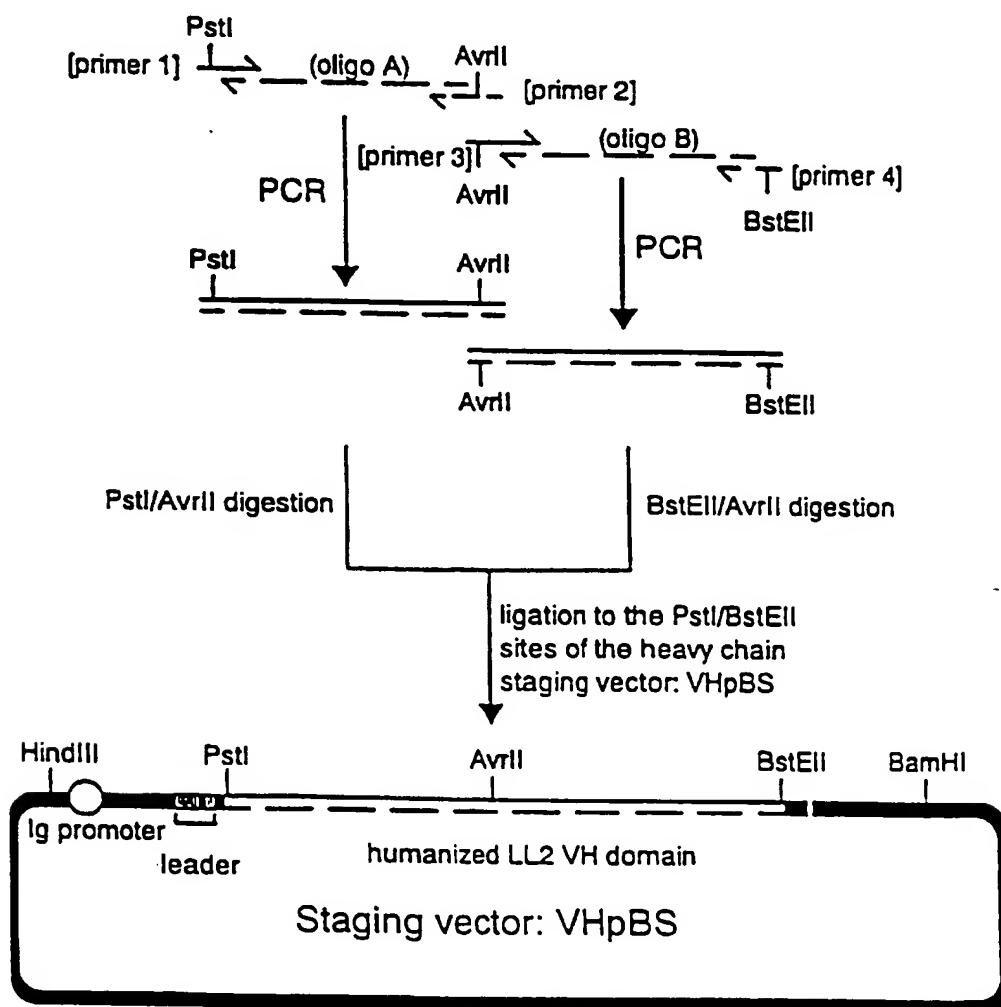
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 Q V Q L V Q S G A E V K K P G S S V K V -  
  
 TCCTGCAAGGCTTCTGGCTACACCTTACTAGCTACTGGCTGCACTGGTCAGGCAGGCA  
 61 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 120  
 AGGACGTTCCGAAGACCGATGTGGAAATGATCGATGACCGACGTGACCCAGTCCGTCCGT  
 CDR1  
 S C K A S G Y T F T S Y W L H W V R Q A -  
  
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 121 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 180  
 GGACCTGTCCCAGACCTTACCTAACCTATGTAATTAGGATCCTACTAATATGACTCATG  
 CDR2  
 P G Q G L E W I G Y I N P R N D Y T E Y -  
  
 AATCAGAACTTCAAGGACAAGGCCACAATAACTGCAGACGAATCCACCAATACAGCCTAC  
 181 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 240  
 TTAGTCTTGAAGTTCTGTTCCGGTGTATTGACGTCTGCTTAGGTGGTTATGTCGGATG  
  
 N Q N F K D K A T I T A D E S T N T A Y -  
  
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 241 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 300  
 TACCTCGACTCGTCGGACTCCAGACTCCTGTGCCGTAAAAACACGTTCTCCCTA  
  
 M E L S S L R S E D T A F Y F C A R R D -  
  
 ATTACTACGTTCTACTGGGCCAAGGCACCACGGTCACCGTCTCCTCG  
 301 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 348  
 TAATGATGCAAGATGACCCCGTTCCGTGGTGCCAGTGGCAGAGGAGC  
 CDR3  
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**FIG. 6**

Designed sequence for humanized LL2 VH domain:

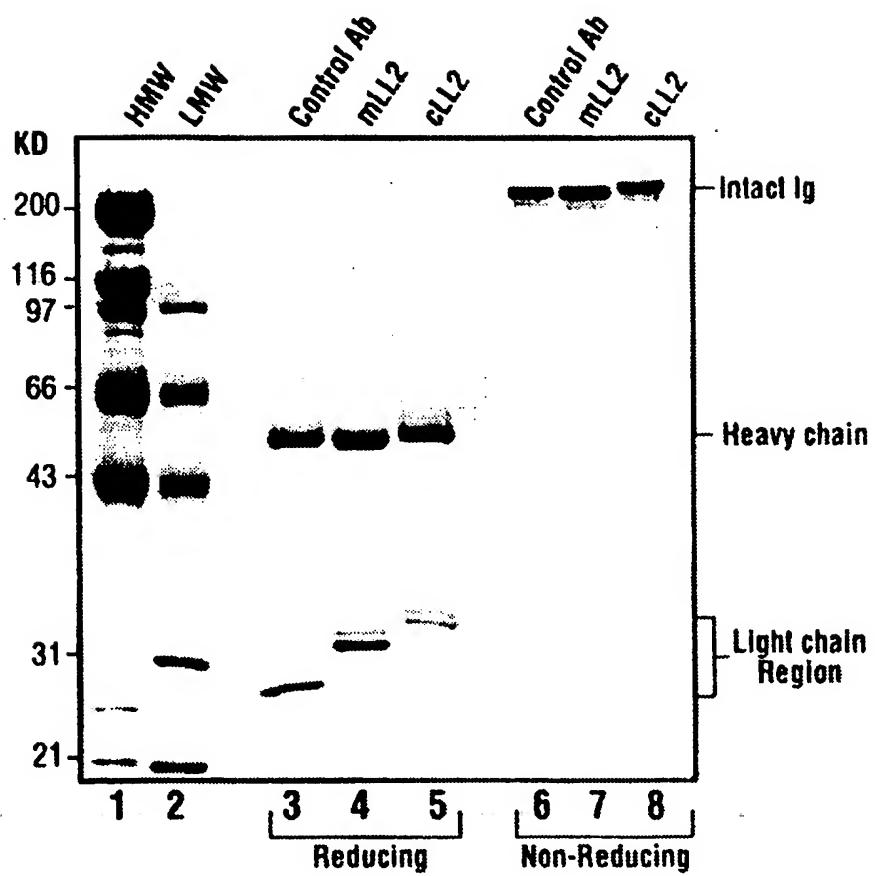


Construction of the humanized LL2 VH domain by long oligonucleotides and PCR:



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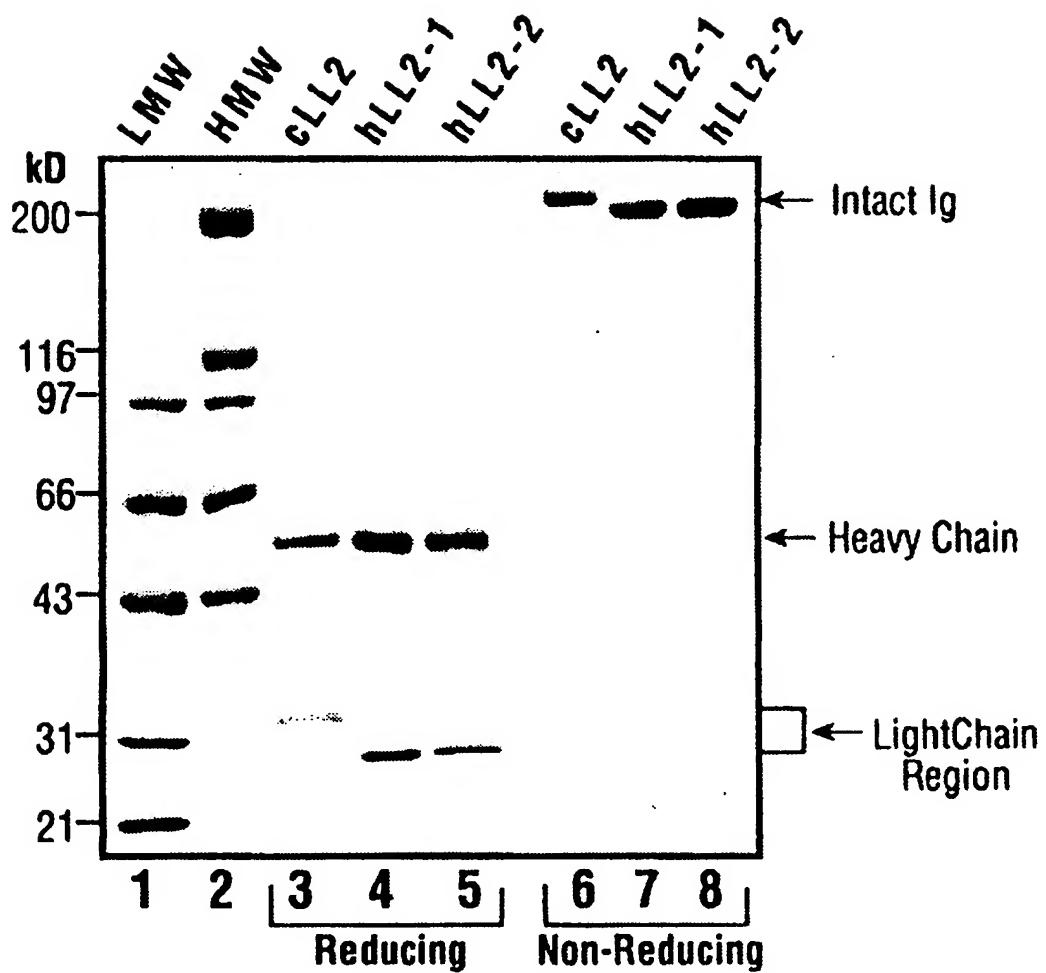
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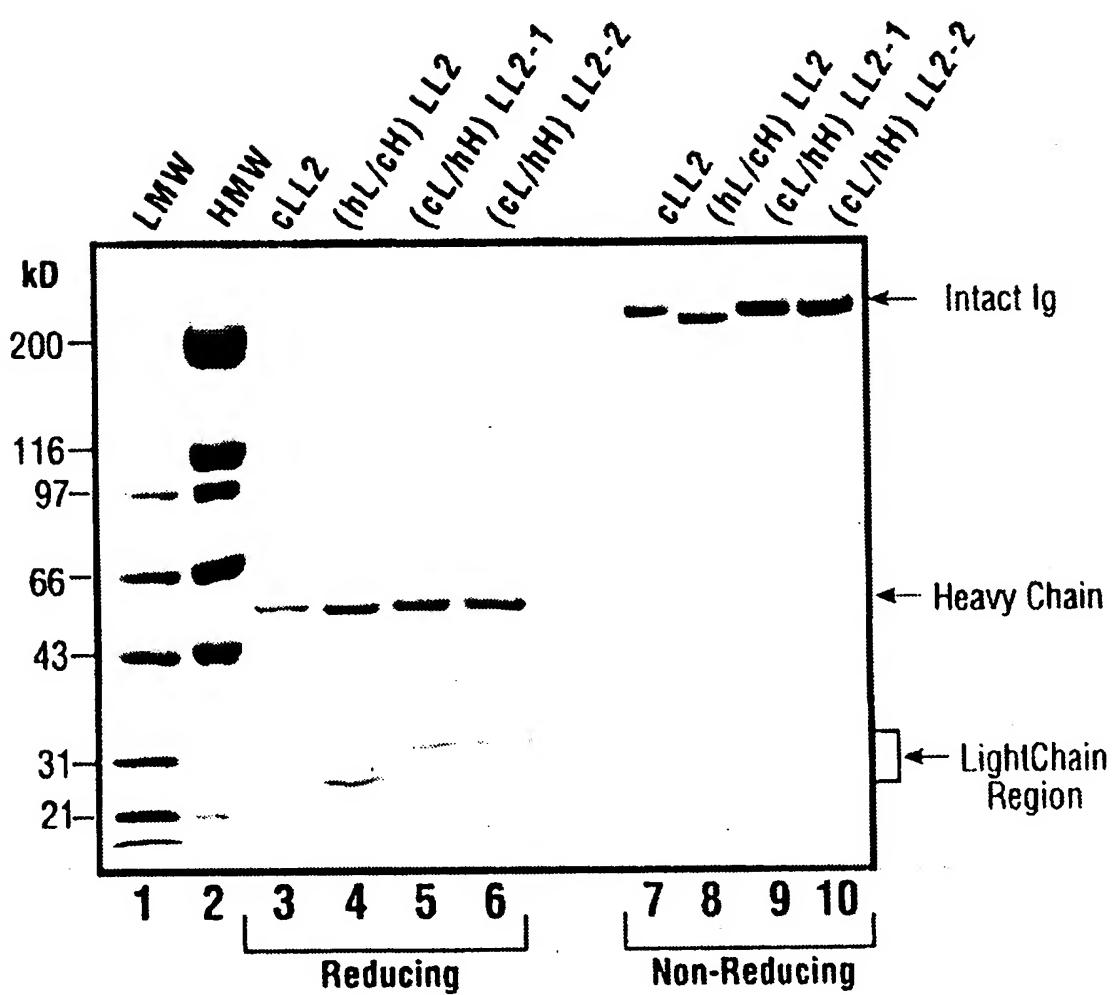
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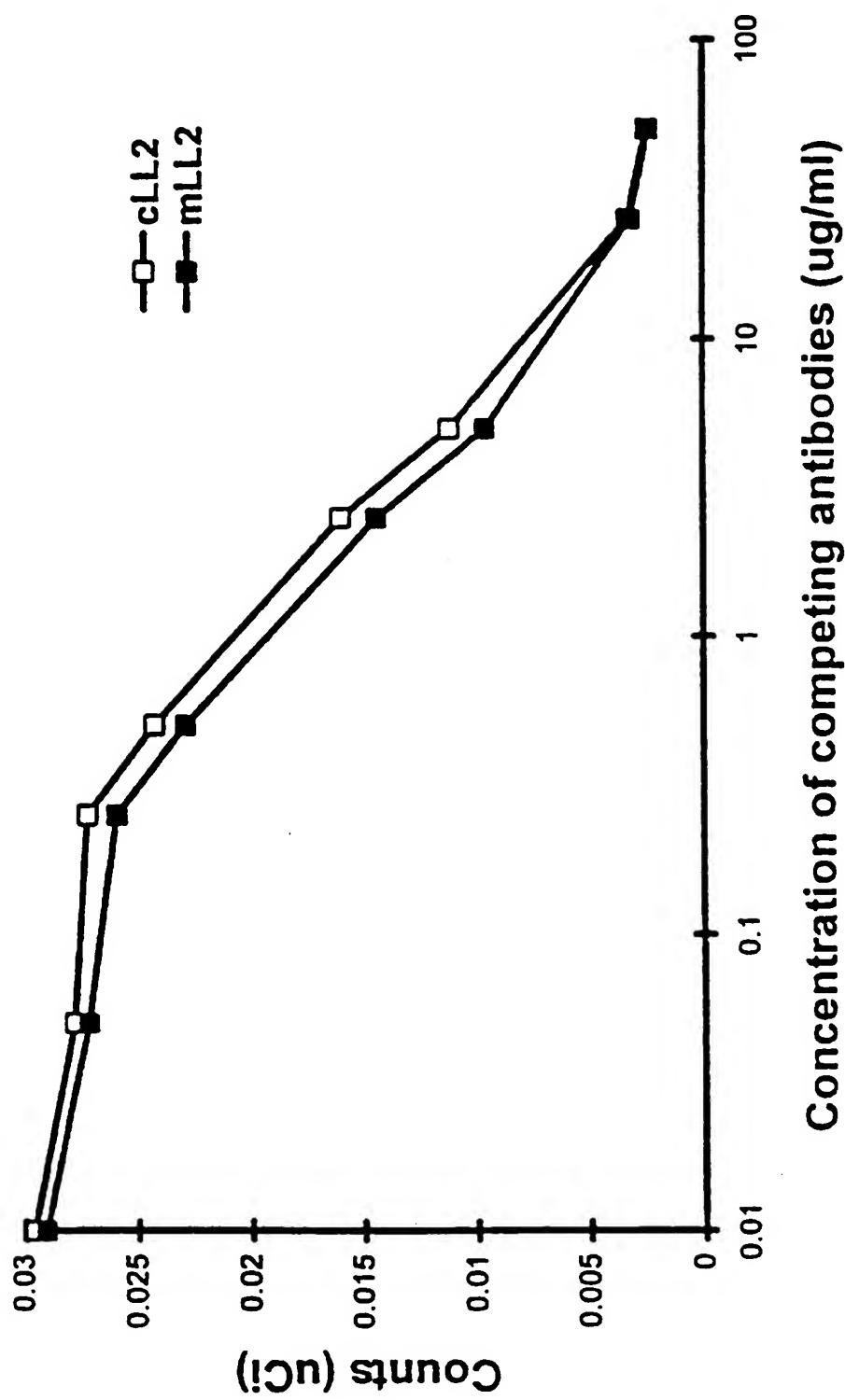
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FIG. 10



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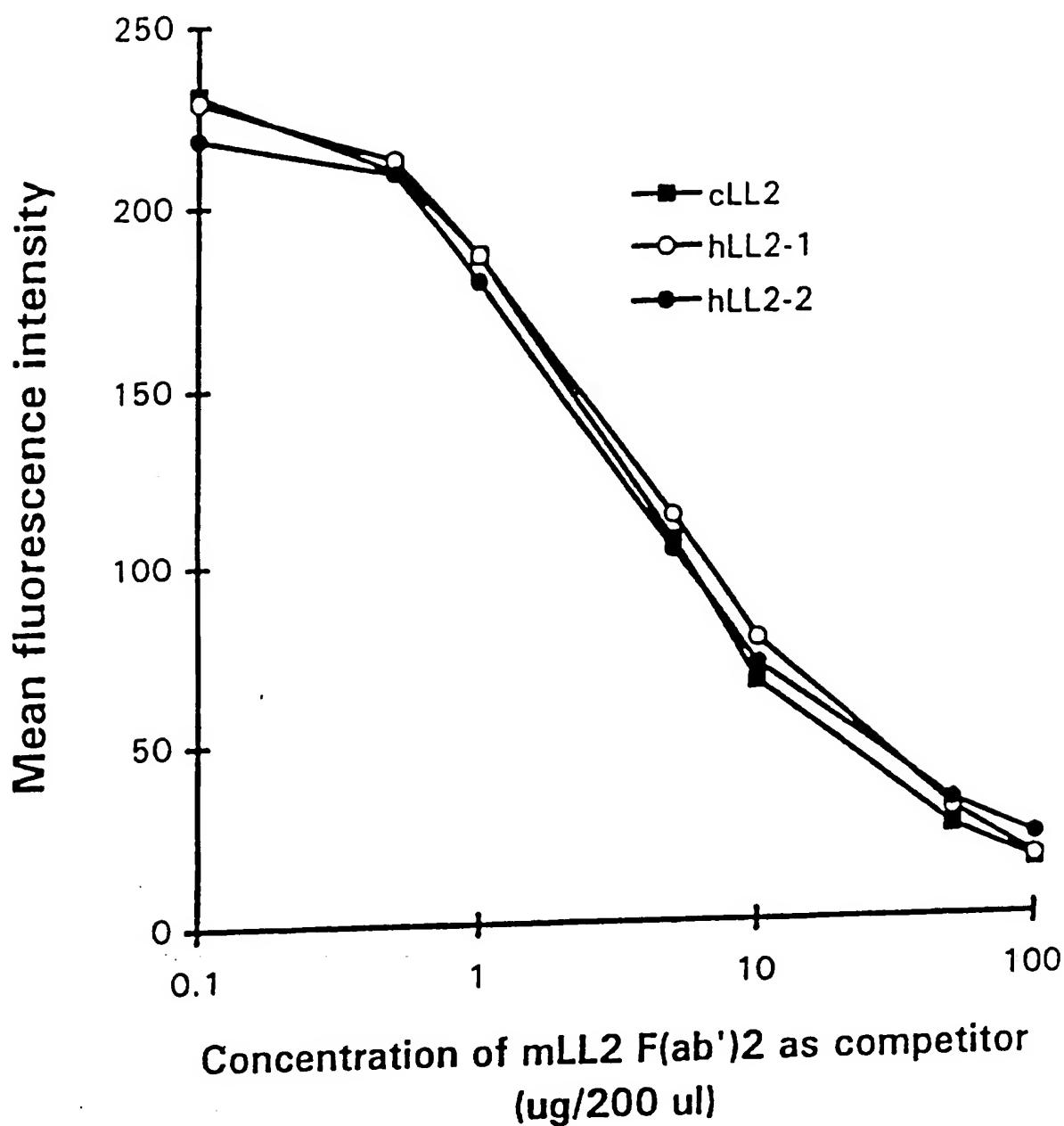
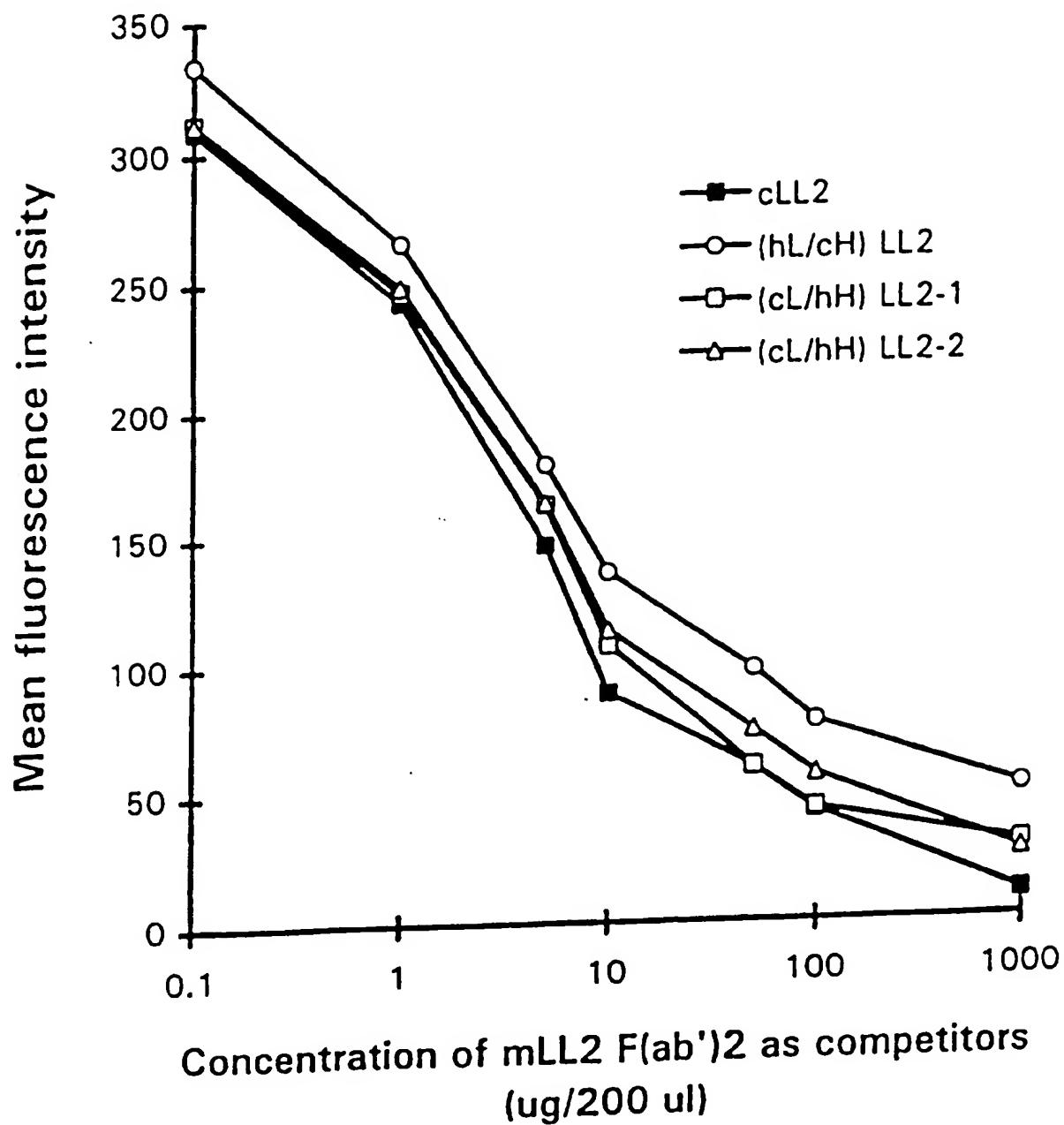


FIG. II B



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FIG. 12

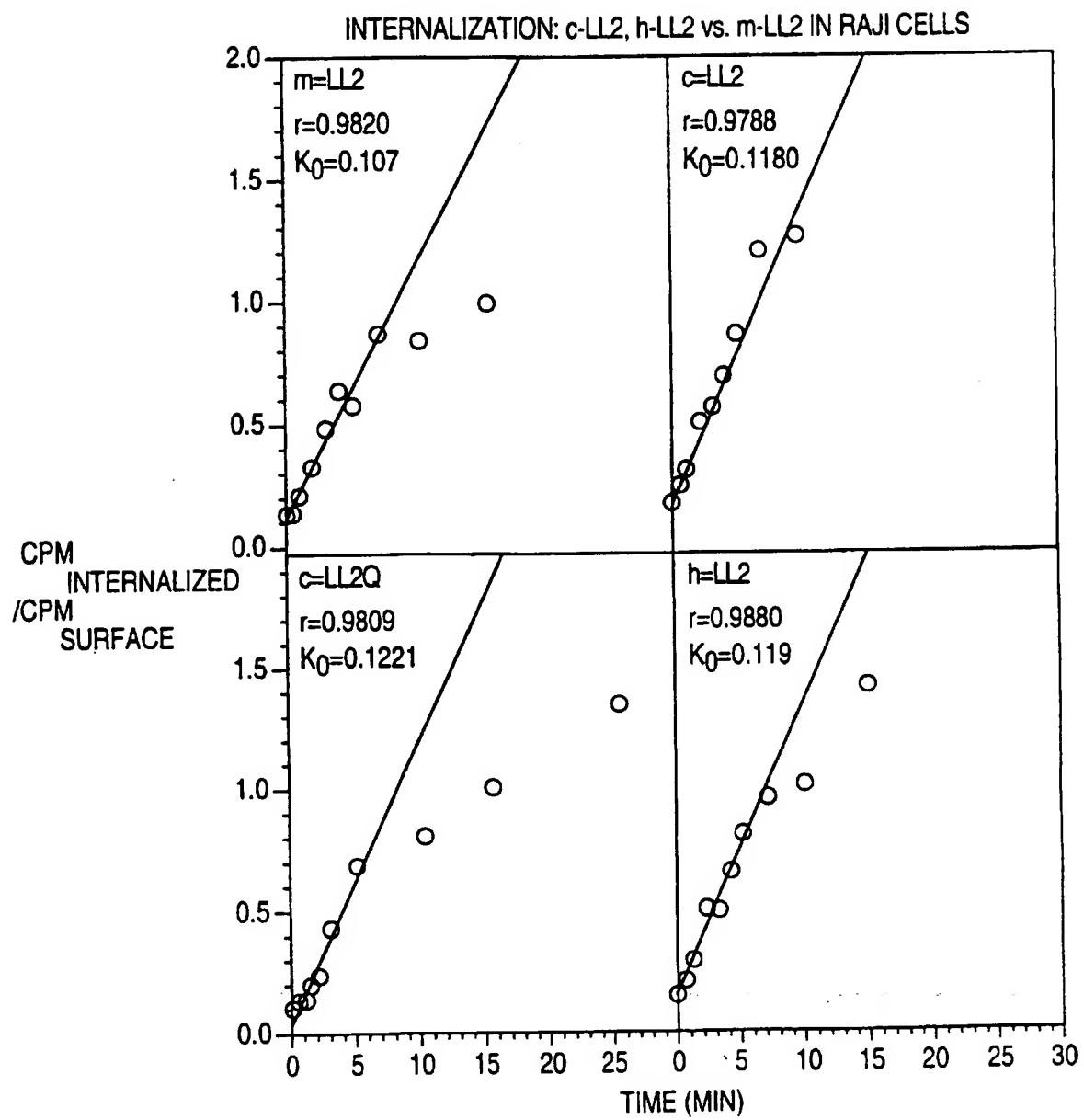
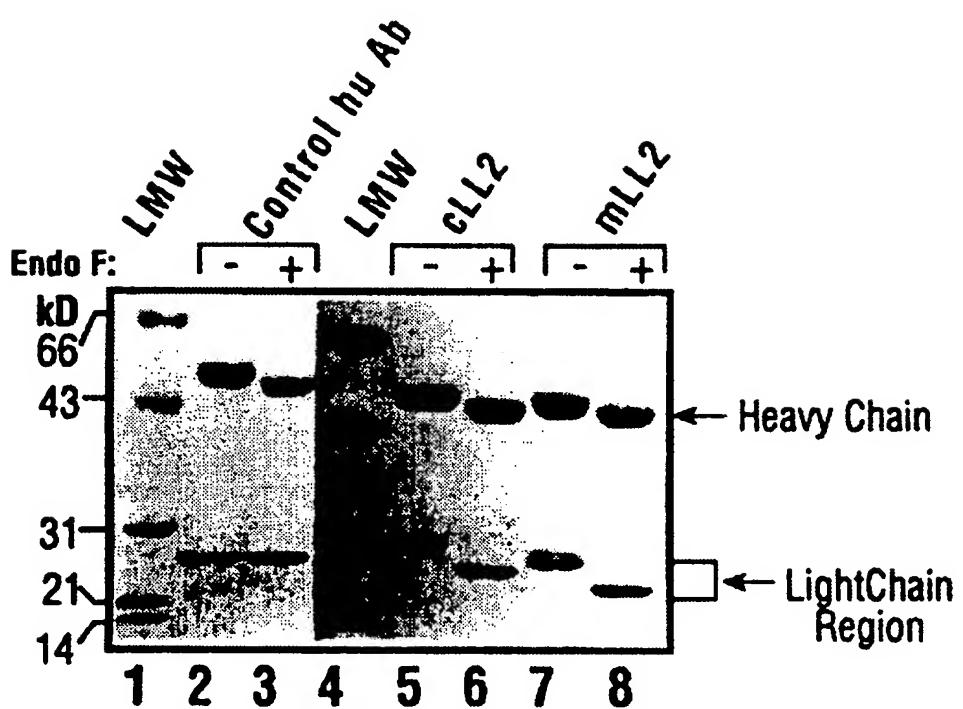
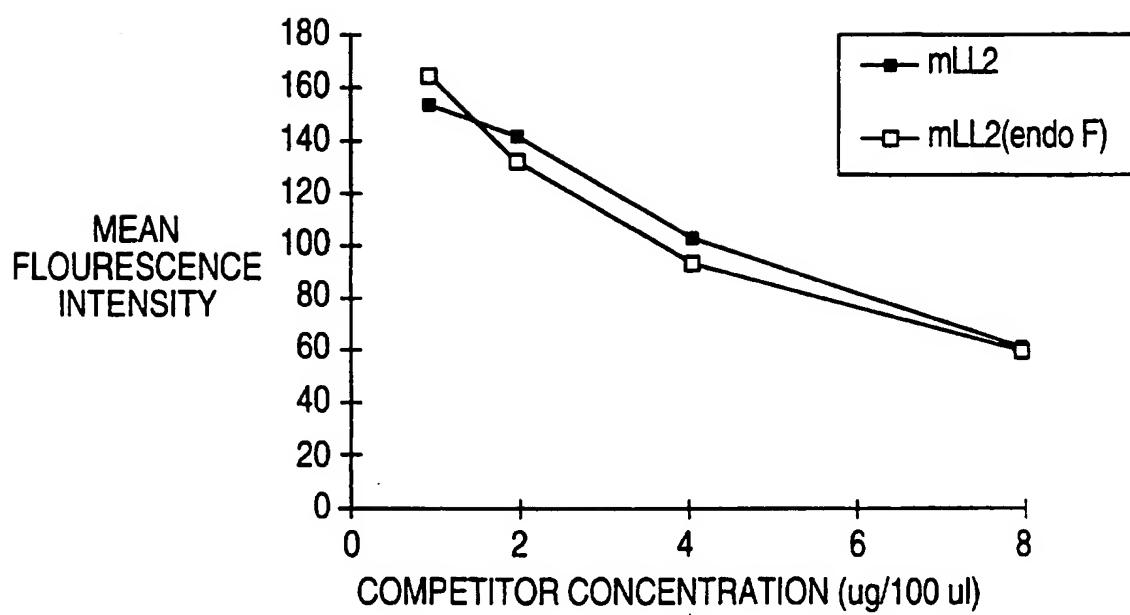


FIG. 13



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**FIG. 14**

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